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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS. ALGER HISS, IS-R. HISS, WIFE AND SON ANTHONY, RESIDED SUMMERS FOR PERIODS VARYING FROM BRIEF, INTERMITTENT VISITS TO CONTINUOUS RESIDENCE OF THREE MONTHS AT PEACHAM, VT. SINCE ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. MRS. HISS SPENT PERIODS OF APPROXIMATELY TWO TO THREE MONTHS, MOST OF SUMMERS AT PEACHAM. THEY RESIDED FIRST FOUR YEARS AT CHOATE INN. ELSIE CHOATE, PROPRIETOR, STATES HAS NO MATERIAL TYPEWRITTEN BY HISS- AND STATES THEY HAD A TYPEWRITER. THEY RESIDED NEXT THREE SUMMERS WITH A CLOSE FRIEND, MRS. DORIS BASQUEL, SWARTHMORE, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWATHMORE, PA. WHO RENTED HER COTTAGE FROM LOUISE BAILEY, PEACHAM. LATTER STATES SHE HAS NOTHING TYPEWRITTEN BY HISS- AND DOES NOT RECALL THEM HAVING TYPEWRITER. THEY RENTED COTTAGE NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN FROM DR. LOUIS PILCHER, MD, NEWTON, MASS. OR HIS RELATIVES, AND IN FORTYEIGHT, RENTED COTTAGE OF PROFESSOR BRAND BLANCHARD, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN. LEADS TO ~~INTERVIEW~~ INTERVIEW PILCHER, SOULE AND BLANCHARD NOT BEING SET OUT BY THIS OFFICE BUT IS BEING LEFT TO THE DESCRETION OF NEW YORK. TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL SECURED THROUGH INVESTIGATION AT PEACHAM CONSISTS OF THREE ENVELOPES ADDRESSED TO US POST OFFICE, PEACHAM, VT. BY HISS SINCE OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, FORTY EIGHT. THESE ARE BEING FORWARDED TO BUREAU.

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REREP SA LEMUEL W. KERR, NORFOLK, DEC. TWENTYFOUR, FORTYEIGHT, DAISY
FANSLER INDICATED PRISCILLA HISS WAS ACTIVE AS PRESIDENT IN WASHINGTON
CHAPTER OF BRYN MAWR COLLEGE ALUMNAE ASSN. COLLEGE HAS NO RECORD
OF THIS FACT. WFO SHOULD CONTACT MRS. JOHN L. VANDEGRIFT, THIRTYTWO
FORTYONE THIRTYEIGHTH ST., WASH., DC., WHO WAS PRESIDENT OF ALUMNAE
ASSN. NINETEEN FORTY AND FORTYONE AND ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS
OF DOCUMENTS OF ASSN. WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY PRISCILLA HISS
AT TIME SHE MAY HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT, PROBABLY IN THIRTYEIGHT. MRS.
VANDEGRIFT EXPECTED TO DEPART US SHORTLY ENROUTE JAPAN.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.

SUGGEST NY MAY DESIRE BALTIMORE INTERVIEW WILLIAM ROSEN WHO RECEIVED
ALGER HISS' NINETEEN TWENTYNINE FORD CAR AS HESS MAY HAVE DISPOSED
OF WOODSWORD TYPEWRITER BY GIVING SAME TO ROSEN.

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J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBUTEL TO
BOSTON DECEMBER TWENTYTWO LAST. NO RECORD OF ALGER HISS LOCATED
BOSTON BAR ASSOCIATION OR MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION. NO CORRES-
PONDENCE FROM HISS IN POWDER POINT ACADEMY RECORDS. FILM FORWARDED
FBI LABORATORY DECEMBER TWENTYFOUR REFLECTING TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS
ON FILE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS. MRS. JOHN ALFORD,
FORMERLY ROBERTA FANSLER, HAS BEEN ILL. AGENT ATTEMPTING TO REINTERVIEW
HER THIS DATE. INQUIRY AT CHOATE, HALL AND STEWART, ATTORNEYS,
THIRTY STATE ST., BOSTON, TO DATE FAILS TO DISCLOSE ANY DOCUMENTS
EMANATING FROM HISS. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

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TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher *437-1*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTACKER CHAMBERS
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DATE: December 28, 1948

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At 5:35 p.m. Mr. Delavine of the Washington Field Office called and stated that the General Counsel of the Federal Housing Administration had called and wanted an Agent to contact him at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, as he had information of interest to the Bureau which had been discovered as a result of the investigation of the suicide of Allen Taft Squire of the Federal Housing Administration, who committed suicide about two weeks ago. Mr. Delavine stated that when he was advised of the call he tried to call the General Counsel, but was unable to reach him. However, he did reach the investigator and found out that Mr. Squire had committed suicide by diving from a building and had left certain suicide notes, one of which is in the possession of Squire's brother. In this note there is a sentence substantially quoted as follows: "That Commies have done their work well and will do for you all some day." Further, the investigator advised that information had come to his attention to the effect that the deceased knew both Hiss and Chambers.

The files of the Washington Field Office reflect that under the Loyalty Program a preliminary inquiry was conducted concerning an Allen Taft Squire to see if he could be identical with a person of the same name carried on the indices of the United American Spanish Aid Committee. This preliminary inquiry was closed negatively because there was not sufficient information to make it possible to say he was identical with the person listed in the indices of the United American Spanish Aid Committee.

I authorized Mr. Delavine to have an Agent confer with the General Counsel of FHA and accept any information offered.

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TO : MR. H. B. FLETCHER

FROM : L. WHITE

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Re: FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN

The material which was recovered from the apartment of Inslerman by Agents of the New York Office, consisting of three notebooks and other miscellaneous material, has been examined in the Espionage Unit.

It has been determined that quite a number of these documents contain printed or stamped classifications of confidential and restricted material. It was noted that much of this material pertained to an experimental bomber being developed by the Republic Aviation Corporation, Farmingdale, New York. The majority of the material, however, consists of personal notes apparently reflecting technical data concerning aircraft design and engineering standards. It is, of course, impossible to determine whether this material is of a classified nature; however, it is noted that much of it refers to the same problems as discussed in the documents marked classified.

It is believed that we are not in a position to adequately determine whether this material is of a classified nature.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the data set forth above, it is recommended that the entire contents of the black suit case containing these documents be turned over to the Intelligence Division of the Air Forces with a request that it be examined by officers familiar with classifications on aircraft for the purpose of determining whether any of the material is presently of a classified nature.

In view of the urgency of this matter, it is requested that the Liaison Section request the Air Forces to give special attention to the request.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.
R. T. J. DONEGAN ADVISED THAT ON THIS DATE HE HAD RECEIVED REQUEST
FROM EDWARD C. MC LEAN, ALGER HISS ATTORNEY, FOR RETURN OF ORI-
GINAL SPECIMENS OF TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL TURNED OVER TO AGENTS OF THIS
OFFICE. AT REQUEST OF T. J. DONEGAN THIS MATERIAL CONSISTING OF
MENU, APPENDIX, ORIGINAL AND COPY OF LETTER DATED JANUARY THIRTIETH,
NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, AND COPY OF LETTER DATED FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH,
NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, TURNED OVER TO MC LEAN AND APPROPRIATE RECEIPT
OBTAINED. MC LEAN HAS APPOINTMENT WITH DONEGAN AND ASSISTANT AG
RAY WHEARTY FOR JANUARY THIRD NEXT RE DISCUSSION OF TYPEWRITER
SPECIMENS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF RESULTS OF THIS CONFERENCE.
REBUTEL DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST AUTHORIZING INTERVIEW OF HENRY
HILL COLLINS, JR., AND FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD CONCERNING ALLE-
GATIONS MADE BY LAURENCE V. DUGGAN ON DECEMBER TEN LAST. COLLINS
REFUSED INTERVIEW TO BUREAU AGENTS ON THIS DATE. INQUIRY AT OFFICE
AND RESIDENCE OF FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD REVEALS LATTER TO BE AT
COUNTRY HOME AT NEW HARTFORD, CONN. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE INDICATES FIELD MAY VISIT NYC TOMORROW. EFFORTS WILL
BE MADE AT THAT TIME TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW FIELD. Kisseloff-1157

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
DATED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN LAST. ARTHUR YATES, SAN JACINTO, CALIFORNIA
INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. YATES ADVISED HE ATTENDED HILL PREP SCHOOL,
POTTSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA WITH ROBERT LOVETT FOR SIX YEARS, THEN TWO YEARS
AT YALE UNIVERSITY TOGETHER. DURING PREP SCHOOL DAYS CHAMBERS ATTENDED
A NEARBY PREP SCHOOL. ALL PARTIES BECAME ACQUAINTED THROUGH PREP
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. CHAMBERS LAST CONTACTED IN NINETEEN FOURTEEN.
YATES STATED THAT DURING PREP SCHOOL DAYS CHAMBERS WAS A QUOTE VIOLENT
RED END QUOTE, QUOTE BOLSHIEVIK END QUOTE, QUOTE REVOLUTIONIST END
QUOTE, QUOTE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT THE DAY OF REVOLUTION END QUOTE.
YATES ALSO ADVISED THAT HE MADE NUMEROUS NOTATIONS IN HIS DIARY REGARD-
ING CHAMBERS AND THAT IF THIS DIARY WOULD BE OF ANY USE HE WOULD
ENDEAVOR TO LOCATE IT AT THE FAMILY HOME IN NAPLES, FLORIDA OR IN STORAGE
AT ROCHESTER, NEW YORK. YATES DOES NOT KNOW HISS, HOWEVER, STATED
THAT BECAUSE HE KNEW LOVETT HE WANTED TO HELP LOVETT OUT IF HE COULD.
YATES ADVISED THAT HE FELT QUOTE THAT A MAN NEVER CHANGES, ONCE A
COMMUNIST ALWAYS A COMMUNIST, AND THAT CHAMBERS WAS LYING AT THE
PRESENT TIME AND THAT FACT IN ITSELF SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO CLEAR
HISS END QUOTE. YATES DESCRIBED AS BORN OCTOBER NINE, EIGHTEEN NINETY
FOUR, ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, RETIRED, APPARENTLY HAS INCOME FROM FATHER
AND GRANDFATHER-S ESTATE. GRADUATED FROM PRINCETON UNIVERSITY IN

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NINETEEN TWENTY, CAME TO CALIFORNIA IN NINETEEN THIRTY SIX AND AT
PRESENT ADDRESS SINCE DECEMBER, NINETEEN FORTY ONE. CHIEF OF POLICE
AT SAN JACINTO STATED YATES IS A HEAVY DRINKER AND ONE LOCAL DOCTOR
HAS COMPLAINED THAT YATES GAVE HIM SEVERAL NG CHECKS. NO CRIMINAL
ACTION. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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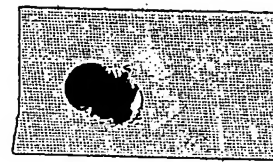
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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
REBULST DECEMBER THIRTEEN, LAST. SUGGESTED NEW YORK CONSIDER
INTERVIEWING JEROME FRANK, JUDGE, U. S. CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS,
NYC, FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH ALGER HISS AS GENERAL COUNSEL,
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE TO NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.

NY REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH WFO WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF DAVID
VERNON ~~ZIMMERMAN~~, ALIAS DAVID CARPENTER. IF PHOTOGRAPHS AVAILABLE
OF HIM DURING THE PERTINENT PERIOD OF HIS OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION
WITH CHAMBERS, COPIES OF THESE PHOTOGRAPHS AS WELL AS MORE RECENT
ONES ARE REQUESTED.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. Ladd

DATE: December 18, 1948

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
ALGER HISS
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Pursuant to your request the following is being made available concerning current efforts being made to locate the typewriter in this case or samples thereof and further to show the results obtained to date.

INTRODUCTION OF TYPEWRITER INTO INVESTIGATION

Whittaker Chambers on November 17, 1948, introduced in evidence at a pre-trial deposition in Baltimore, Maryland, 65 typewritten documents which he claimed emanated from State Department. He stated that they were copies of or excerpts from State Department documents and alleged that they were copied on a typewriter by Alger Hiss or his wife, after which the typewritten copies were turned over by Alger Hiss to Chambers for delivery to Colonel Bykov.

STATEMENTS OF ALGER HISS AND MRS. HISS RE TYPEWRITER IN WASHINGTON RESIDENCE

On December 4, 1948, Alger Hiss stated that he and his wife moved to Washington from New York in May, 1933; that some time immediately prior to the date of moving, his family came into possession of an old typewriter, possibly an Underwood, but he wasn't certain as to the make of it. He said this typewriter had been formerly the property of the father of Mrs. Hiss, Mr. Thomas Fansler, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, now deceased. Hiss said this typewriter remained in the continuous possession of his immediate family until some time after 1938, exact date unknown, when Mrs. Hiss sold it to a second-hand typewriter concern or a second-hand dealer located in the general neighborhood of either 1245 30th Street, Northwest, or 3415 Volta Place, Northwest, where the Hisses resided in Washington from June 1, 1936, to 1943.

Hiss said he does not recall using this typewriter himself but his wife used it infrequently as an amateur typist. Mrs. Hiss furnished substantially the same information.

CONCLUSION OF FBI LABORATORY AS TO MAKE OF TYPEWRITER

The typewriting on the documents produced by Chambers in Baltimore was examined by the FBI Laboratory and it was concluded that the typewriting on 64 of the 65 documents was typed with a machine which most closely matches a Woodstock, small pica type, the standards of which are in the FBI Laboratory files.

INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS TO LOCATE TYPEWRITER OR SPECIMENS THEREFROM

Initial investigation was conducted in Philadelphia where it was determined that from 1927 to 1930 Thomas Fansler was in a partnership with Harry

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L. Martin in an insurance business. Fansler was General Agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, whose home office is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mr. Harry L. Martin has stated that at the inception of this partnership in 1927 a new Woodstock typewriter was purchased. When the partnership dissolved in 1930 Fansler retired to an apartment in Philadelphia and Martin is certain that Fansler took this typewriter with him.

The records of this partnership fail to reflect any information concerning the serial number of this typewriter.

The individual who made the sale of this typewriter to the Fansler-Martin partnership has been interviewed and he has no record of the serial number of the typewriter; however, he recalls that it was a Woodstock make.

The records of the local Woodstock Agency in Philadelphia that made the original sale are no longer in existence.

The Chicago Office has contacted the Woodstock Agency, which agency has advised that no exact records of serial numbers from 1925 to 1930 are maintained; however, they have furnished approximate serial numbers taken from the trade-in manual used by dealers covering the years 1925 to 1931. These serial numbers are being used during the investigation as a guide to narrow down the search for the typewriter by serial number.

Through Credit Agencies and other logical sources numerous leads have been found which have been covered and which are continuing to be covered to locate samples of typing from this typewriter, some of which have been located and have been identified with the typing on the Chambers documents as set out on page 3.

A survey has been made by Washington Field Office in Georgetown where Hiss lived during the entire period of his stay in Washington. All second-hand typewriter dealers and stores have been contacted in this area with negative results. Antique shops in this area are presently being contacted. Metropolitan Police records are of little value since second-hand purchase records prior to 1940 have been destroyed. Leads from this source, however, are being run out. Records of Arlington County, Virginia, Police Department have been searched with negative results. It is believed that the local Communist Party possibly has instant typewriter or has had it in the past. Specimens from these sources have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory. There are approximately 140 second-hand stores in Washington which handle second-hand typewriters. One of the largest dealers has been checked with negative results. Investigation in this regard is continuing.

When Alger Hiss appeared before the Grand Jury and was confronted with the identification of the typewriting specimens with the Chambers documents he stated that Chambers must have gotten access to the typewriter and typed the documents.

*What is basis for this
conclusion?*

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In view of Hiss' alibi it becomes pertinent to obtain additional specimens of the Woodstock typewriter after the latest identified document which was dated May 25, 1937, to show the continued possession of the typewriter within the Hiss family during the pertinent period, 1936 to 1938.

The New York, Philadelphia, and Washington Field Offices in whose territories the best possibilities exist to locate more samples from the typewriter or the serial number of the typewriter, have been instructed to intensify their efforts in this regard. Other leads in this connection are outstanding in Baltimore, Boston and Milwaukee, and these will be followed closely.

A thorough review is being made at the Seat of Government for additional leads working toward the location of the typewriter or more samples of typewriting. These leads will be given immediate handling.

IDENTIFICATION OF TYPEWRITER SPECIMENS

As of December 15, 1948, the following documents have been identified by the FBI Laboratory with the typing appearing on 64 of the documents alleged to have been given Whittaker Chambers by Alger Hiss:

- (1) A letter addressed to Miss Emma Hellings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, postmarked December 6, 1931, beginning "Dr. Peltz, my physician..." This letter was signed "~~Daisy~~ Hansler," (a sister of Mrs. Hiss).
- (2) A two page letter addressed to Walter L. Tibbetts, Boston, Massachusetts, dated January 30, 1933, beginning "On reading over my policy last week...." This letter is unsigned and was never mailed but relates to an insurance policy allegedly issued to Alger Hiss.
- (3) A one page letter addressed to Walter G. Schelter, New York, dated February 17, 1933, signed "Alger Hiss."
- (4) Three pages of typewritten material entitled "Description of Personal Characteristics of Timothy Hobson," bearing the date September 9, 1936. This was an apparent enclosure to a handwritten letter bearing the date September 9, 1936, signed by Alger Hiss.
- (5) A letter addressed to Mr. W. M. Hillegeist, Director of Admissions, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, dated May 25, 1937, beginning "I am sending to your office today....," signed "~~Priscilla~~ Hansler Hiss."

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD

SUBJECT: J. DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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DATE: December 22, 1948

At 9:25 this morning, SA ROBERT McQUEEN telephonically advised this office that the four rolls of film in this case have been examined by experts at the Eastman Company at Rochester, New York, - the examination having been completed late in the day of December 21, 1948. He advised that the roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #49 has been identified as having been manufactured during the first half of 1937; the roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #48 as having been manufactured in the last half of 1937. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #50, an exposed roll, cannot be identified as Eastman film with certainty, although the experts have indicated it is probably of Eastman manufacture. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #51 cannot be determined as to date of manufacture although it is possible, according to the Eastman experts, to take a strip of this film and after a two or three-day period of analysis, to be able to determine probably whether it was manufactured prior to February of 1939.

Either of the following individuals, both of whom are long-time Eastman employees, may be used for purpose of subpoena:

HENRY T. IRELAND, Superintendent of Cine and Heat Sheet Film Department, Kodak Park Works, Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York.

JOSEPH C. GOLAN, Assistant Superintendent of same department - Same address as above.

In accordance with Mr. FLETCHER's instructions, Agent McQUEEN was instructed to proceed to the Dupont Plant at Parlin, New Jersey, where he will contact Mr. BURCKHARDT.

McQUEEN will call in prior to leaving Parlin.

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December 22, 1948

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.

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Reference is made to the film in instant case which was obtained from the House un-American Activities Committee for the purpose of having it examined by the DuPont and Eastman Kodak Companies in order to ascertain the identity and competency of witnesses to establish the date of manufacture of this film. Special Agent Robert K. McQueen has ascertained that the roll of film in this case designated as the Grand Jury Exhibit #47 has been examined by the DuPont people in Parlin, New Jersey. He advised that George F. Hunter, Chief Supervisor, Finishing Area, DuPont Photograph Products Department, Parlin, New Jersey, after examining this roll of film, has stated he is willing to testify that it was manufactured either in December, 1936 or June, 1944. In this regard, Agent McQueen stated he has ascertained the imprinted code number 428, which appears on this roll, was used by the DuPont people for film manufactured in December, 1936 and again used for film produced in June, 1944.

Agent McQueen stated that Walter Dewey Baldsiefen, Group Leader in charge of Emulsion Research, DuPont Photograph Products Department, Parlin, New Jersey, after examining the film, has stated he will testify that it is a coarse grained film and that the bulk of film made by DuPont after 1939 is of the fine grain type, approximately 95% being of the latter type. Mr. Baldsiefen will further testify that fine grain film should have been used for this purpose (the copying of documents), and that fine grain film has been manufactured by DuPont only since and not prior to 1939.

Special Agent McQueen has also advised that the four rolls of film in this case have been examined by experts at the Eastman Company at Rochester, New York, - the examination having been completed late in the day of December 21, 1948. He advised that the roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #49 has been identified as having been manufactured during the first half of 1937; the roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #48 as having been manufactured in the last half of 1937. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #50, an exposed roll, cannot be identified as Eastman film with certainty, although the experts have indicated it is probably of Eastman manufacture. The roll of film designated as Grand Jury Exhibit #51 cannot be determined as to date of manufacture although it is possible, according to the Eastman experts, to take a strip of this film and after a two or three-day period of analysis, to be able to determine probably whether it was manufactured prior to February of 1939.

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Mr. Tracy _____
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Either of the following individuals, both of whom are long-time Eastman employees, may be used for purpose of subpoena:

Henry T. Ireland, Superintendent of Cine and Heat Sheet Film Department, Kodak Park Works, Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York.

Joseph C. Golan, Assistant Superintendent of same department - Same address as above.

The above is for your additional information in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : *H* GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 22, 1948

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(Agent McQUEEN will arrive in Washington, D. C. at 5:40 P. M. today.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : D. M. Ladd *DL*SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to me dated December 18, 1948. Particular reference is made to a statement contained in paragraph 7, page 2, that, "It is believed that the local Communist Party possibly has instant typewriter or has had it in the past." You asked, "What is basis for this conclusion?"

This investigative lead is being considered and followed out by the Washington Field Office since it is recalled that when Hiss disposed of his automobile to the ~~Gherner~~ Motor Company, it was immediately resold to a man named William ~~Rosen~~ who was an organizer of the Communist Party in Baltimore. Therefore, it is entirely possible that a similar transaction could have taken place with respect to his typewriter.

/// The Washington Field Office has therefore been submitting to the FBI Laboratory specimens of typewriting emanating from the Communist Party headquarters and from Communist Party functionaries. These specimens have been received through confidential sources and are being compared with known typewriting specimens in this case.

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 30, 1948

THE DIRECTOR, FBI

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 16, 1948, which enclosed a list of original State Department documents from which the paraphrasings of copies of the documents turned over by Whittaker Chambers at Baltimore, Maryland, were made. This list was obtained from Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, Chief, Division of Security, State Department. Mr. Nicholson has advised that he is having photostatic copies of these documents prepared for you pursuant to your request and that they would be made available to you in the near future.

It will be appreciated if you will advise me immediately when these documents will be made available to you in order that the investigation of this matter can be carried forward in the most expeditious manner.

cc Assistant Attorney General Alexander W. Campbell
Criminal Division

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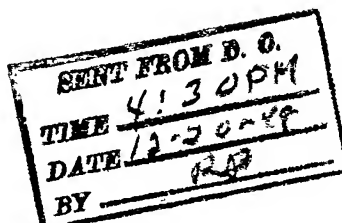
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. BALTIMORE REPORT DEC. TWENTYTHIRD AND NEW YORK REPORT OF SAME DATE. ANTHONY P. MORSE INTERVIEWED AT BERKELEY AND DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF ESPIONAGE OR COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ON PART OF FRANK RENO, OR DISCLOSURE BY RENO OF ANY INFORMATION TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. MORSE FORMERLY AN EMPLOYEE OF ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS AND NOW RETAINED AS A CONSULTANT, HAS THE FOLLOWING CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IN HIS OWN POSSESSION. BRL REPORT NO. FIVE FIVE SEVEN, DATED JULY THIRTEEN, FORTYFIVE, WRITTEN BY MORSE, AND APG REPORT NO. ONE, DATED DEC. TEN, FORTYFIVE, WRITTEN BY R.S. ZUG, BOTH RESTRICTED. MORSE STATED HE KNEW OF NO CLASSIFIED MATERIAL IN RENOS POSSESSION, BUT RENO HAD MAINTAINED SEVERAL VOLUMES OF NOTEBOOKS IN HIS OWN HANDWRITING REGARDING HIS WORK AT ABERDEEN. AZIMOV PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH MORRIS ASIMOW, BORN NOV. TWENTYSEVEN, NINETEEN SIX, MILWAUKEE, WISC., AND PRESENTLY LECTURER IN ENGINEERING AT UCLA. SUGGEST NEW YORK REQUEST NECESSARY INVESTIGATION BY LOS ANGELES OFFICE AT UCLA. JOHN LEROY KELLEY ADVISED SF OFFICE HE IS LEAVING TODAY ENROUTE NYC UNDER SUBPOENA TO GRAND JURY AND THAT HE INTENDS TO SPEAK WITH FRANK RENO TO DETERMINE EXACTLY QUOTE WHAT IS UP UNQUOTE, PROVIDED HE WAS ABLE TO LOCATE RENO. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, IS - R, ESP - R. RE
WFO TEL DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN. MRS. GERTRUDE EVANGELINE MARTI, LOWER
SALEM, OHIO, STATES TAUGHT MUSIC SEPTEMBER, FORTYONE TO DECEMBER,
FORTYTHREE AT WHITEHALL COUNTRY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN, WASHINGTON, DC
BUT THAT NAMES OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS TOTALLY UNFAMILIAR
TO HER. SHE IS CERTAIN MR. AND MRS. HISS NEVER VISITED IN HER HOME
NOR SHE IN THEIRS. MARRIED DR. FRITZ MARTI NINETEEN
THIRTYSEVEN AND RESIDED ONE ONE HESKETH STREET, CHEVY CHASE,
MARYLAND NINETEEN THIRTYNINE TO FORTYFOUR. DR. MARTI WAS PROFESSOR
OF PHILOSOPHY AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE TO
FORTYSIX AND ALSO STATES UNACQUAINTED WITH MR. AND MRS. HISS.
MRS. MARTI STATES THAT MRS. GEORGE BLACKWELL WAS HER PREDECESSOR AS
MUSIC TEACHER AT WHITEHALL SCHOOL BUT MRS. MARTI MET MRS. BLACKWELL
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Mr. Jones
Mr. Mumford
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE
R. REMYTEL DECEMBER TWENTY SEVENTH, FORTY EIGHT. FOR FURTHER CLAR-
IFICATION THIS MATTER, INDIVIDUAL WHO FURNISHED PHOTO-
GRAPHS TO MISS ~~MC~~ ADAM WAS HER SUPERIOR, CHARLES ~~HAIDINGER~~, PERSONNEL
MANAGER, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION. LAWRENCE ~~DUGGAN~~ IN
NO WAY CONNECTED WITH THIS MATTER.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI.

DATE: December 28, 1948

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

Rebulet dated December 13, 1948, in which the Washington Field Office was requested to determine the names of the individuals associated with ALGER HISS and others departmental wise and that each of such persons be interviewed with reference to ALGER HISS, his associations, and indications of membership in any Communist Party group or associations with known Communists.

For the benefit of the St. Louis Division, ALGER HISS was employed from May, 1933 to April, 1934 by the Department of Agriculture as Principal Attorney, Agricultural Adjustment Administration; and from April, 1935 to August 31, 1936, by the Department of Justice as a Special Attorney. From September 1, 1936 he was employed by the Department of State until his resignation in January, 1947.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent N. V. STEVENS dated January 22, 1942, at St. Louis, Missouri in the matter entitled, "ALGER HISS, Department of State, INTERNAL SECURITY, HATCH ACT" and to teletype from the Washington Field Office dated January 16, 1942 to St. Louis in the same matter (St. Louis Division file 101-21).

The St. Louis Division is requested to interview Mr. CHESTER C. DAVIS, now President of the Federal Reserve Bank in St. Louis, Missouri and believed to be living at 484 Lake Street, St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. DAVIS was interviewed by agents of the Washington Field Office on February 18, 1942 with reference to ALGER HISS in connection with his employment at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration of the Department of Agriculture. At that time, Mr. DAVIS indicated that he had no doubt as to ALGER HISS' loyalty but did indicate that one of the chief difficulties that arose in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration was the attempt of the Legal Division, in which Mr. HISS was employed, to interpret the Act not according to the intent of Congress but in accordance with the views.

Mr. DAVIS should be re-interviewed in this matter and an attempt made to determine the names and addresses of all of the associates and co-employees of ALGER HISS during his employment at the Agricultural Adjustment Administration with a view to interviewing these individuals regarding their knowledge of ALGER HISS' activities and pertinent associates.

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Director, FBI

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was, et al
December 28, 1948

New York is origin in this matter and should receive three copies of your report, one copy being designated to Mr. THOMAS J. DONEGAN, Special Assistant to the Attorney General. The Bureau is to receive five copies. The Director has advised that in view of the importance of this investigation, each Special Agent in Charge is being personally held responsible for the immediate and exhaustive handling of every phase of this investigation. It is imperative that reports and other communications reflecting results of the investigation in this matter be furnished to the Bureau as soon as possible in order that the material can be made available to the Department for use in connection with the Grand Jury in New York City.

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WASHINGTON, PHILADELPHIA AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, IS-- R, ESP - R. RE PHILA
TELETYPE, DECEMBER TWENTYSEVEN, LAST, REQUESTING WFO TO FURNISH SUMMARY OF
INVESTIGATION IN WASHINGTON RE EFFORTS TO LOCATE WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. THE
ONLY INFO FURNISHED THIS OFFICE IS THAT ALGER HISS STATED MRS. HISS DISPOSED
OF A TYPEWRITER QUOTE SOMETIME AFTER NINETEEN THIRTYEIGHT UNQUOTE, TO EITHER
A SECOND HAND STORE OR A SECOND HAND TYPEWRITER DEALER IN VICINITY OF THEIR
HOME IN GEORGETOWN AREA, WASHINGTON, DC. EVERY STORE HAVING SECONDHAND PURCHASE
LICENSE IN WASHINGTON CONTACTED. EVERY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT, REGARDLESS OF
LICENSE, IN GEORGETOWN AREA CONTACTED EXCEPT LARGE SCALE BUSINESSES HAVING
NUMEROUS OUTLETS WITH THEIR OWN PURCHASING OFFICES. NEIGHBORHOOD INQUIRIES WHERE
HISS LIVED MADE. RECORDS OF EVERY TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE IN WASHINGTON AREA
SEARCHED AND ABOUT TWO HUNDRED TYPEWRITERS BEARING SERIAL NUMBERS, RANGE
NINETEEN TWENTYSIX THROUGH NINETEEN THIRTY, BEING LOCATED AND SPECIMENS BEING
OBTAINED. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT HISS HAD STANDARD MODEL TYPEWRITER
IN HIS HOME AS LATE AS NINETEEN FORTYSIX OR FORTYSEVEN, MAKE OF WHICH UNKNOWN.
THEORY THAT HISS MAY STILL HAVE TYPEWRITER BEING EXPLORED TO FULLEST EXTENT IN
WASHINGTON THROUGH INTERVIEWS WITH FRIENDS, ASSOCIATES, MAIDS, ETC.

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MADE AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE FOR BACKGROUND INFO ON TIMOTHY HOBSON AS
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.
R. IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN ^{Mrs} ALGER HISS, HIS WIFE AND
HIS SON ANTHONY RESIDED FOR A THREE MONTH PERIOD AT PEACHAM, VT.
THEY RENTED A COTTAGE IN NINETEEN FORTYSEVEN AT PEACHAM, VT., FROM
LOUIS PILCHER, M.D., NEWTON, MASS., OR HIS RELATIVES. CONTACT DR.
PILCHER OR HIS RELATIVES WHO RENTED THIS COTTAGE AND OBTAIN FROM THEM
ANY TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS IN THEIR POSSESSION. THESE SPECIMENS SHOULD
BE FORWARDED TO THE BUREAU FOR COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS THIS
CASE. SUTEL RESULTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.
R. RE TELETYPE NY TO PHILA. DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH. IN CONNECTION
WITH PROPOSED CHECK AT SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SUGGEST YOU INTERVIEW MRS.
DORIS SOULE, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE, SWARTHMORE, PA. IN THIS CONNECTION
HISS, HIS WIFE, AND HIS SON, ANTHONY, HAVE RESIDED DURING THE SUMMER
MONTHS SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY NINE AT PEACHAM, VT. AROUND SUMMER OF
NINETEEN FORTYTHREE THEY RESIDED WITH MRS. DORIS SOULE. CONTACT HER
AND OBTAIN ANY TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS IN HER POSSESSION. ALSO INQUIRE
AS TO HER KNOWLEDGE OF A TYPEWRITER BEING IN THE POSSESSION OF THE
HISS FAMILY. SUTEL RESULTS.

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①
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. REBUTEL
DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST, ENTITLED "JOHN KORAL, ESPIONAGE R" AND ALBANY
TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NY IN CAPTIONED CASE, DATED DECEMBER TWENTY
THIRD. COURT RECORDS, EDNY, INDICATE AT TIME ALEXANDER KORAL-5
FATHER, ANGEL KORAL, WAS NATURALIZED, HE LISTED HIS SONS AS JACOB,
SOLOMON, ISRAEL, MAX AND A SISTER, ROSIE. THE ABOVE BROTHER JACOB
IS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH A BROTHER JACK, MENTIONED BY
ALEXANDER TO CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT NYT THREE FIVE SIX. THE
RECORDS OF THIS DIVISION REFLECT ONE J. KORAL, NINE THREE ONE SIX
ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH STREET, RICHMOND HILL, LONG ISLAND, AS HAVING
PERMITTED HIS "DAILY WORKER" SUBSCRIPTION TO EXPIRE MAY TWENTY THIRD
NINETEEN FORTY FOUR. ALSO JACOB, LILLIAN AND SYLVIA KORAL OF THE
ABOVE ADDRESS WERE MEMBERS OF LODGE SIX TWO NAUGHT OF THE IWO IN
DECEMBER NINETEEN FORTY SIX. THE FILES ALSO INDICATE ONE JACOB KORAL
WAS THE SIGNER OF A PETITION TO GOVERNOR DEWEY CONCERNING THE RELEASE
OF MORRIS U. SCHAPPES, CONVICTED OF PERJURY RELATIVE TO THE INVEST-
IGATION OF COMMUNISM IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM OF NY. THE BUREAU-S
ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO LETTER DATED JULY TENTH NINETEEN FORTY
ONE FROM NY TO DIRECTOR, RELATIVE TO JACK KORAL, UNKNOWN SUBJECT,

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INTERNAL SECURITY. THIS LETTER CONCERNS AN INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTING TO GIVE CERTAIN BLUEPRINTS RELATIVE TO REAMING AND DRESSING TOOLS USED AT THE PICATINNY ARSENAL TO JACK KORAL, A SCHOOL TEACHER IN BROOKLYN. CONCERNING JOHN KORAL OF THIRTY SIX ARTHUR ST., HEMPSTEAD, NY, INVESTIGATION THUS FAR HAS DETERMINED THAT JOHN KORAL NO LONGER RESIDES AT THIS ADDRESS. THIS HOUSE FORMERLY OWNED BY ONE ANNA KUSKI, NOW OF NORTH DERY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND SISTER OF JOHN KORAL. THE JOHN KORAL REFERRED TO IS BELIEVED TO BE IDENTICAL WITH THE INDIVIDUAL MENTIONED IN THE ABOVE REFERENCED ALBANY TELETYPE. IT WAS ALSO ASCERTAINED THAT THERE WAS A RICHARD JOHN CORREY WHO LIVED AT THIS ADDRESS, AND WHO WAS KILLED DURING WORLD WAR II. THE ABOVE JOHN KORAL NOW OPERATES A TAILOR SHOP IN MINEOLA, LONG ISLAND. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NO NEPHEW BEARING THE NAME OF JOHN KORAL IN THE FAMILY OF ALEXANDER KORAL. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SPECIAL ASST. TO ATTORNEY GENERAL DONEGAN, WHO IS HANDLING ^{Alger} THE HISS CASE, AND HE HAS ADVISED THAT JOHN KORAL MENTIONED ABOVE ^{JACOB} OF MINEOLA, L. I. BE INTERVIEWED AND ALSO KORAL, BROTHER OF ALEXANDER KORAL. THIS INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONTINUED AND THE BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. RE CHARLOTTE
LETTER DECEMBER SEVENTEENTH, FORTYEIGHT, TO DIRECTOR ENTITLED JOHN
KORAL, ESPIONAGE R. CHARLOTTE WILL REINTERVIEW INFORMANT FOR DE-
TAILED DESCRIPTION OF JOHN KORAL AND ALSO ADVISE IF ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF THE INFORMANT. EXPEDITE. SUTEL
AND SUREP.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP.
R. RE FELIX ~~INS~~SLERMAN. REQUEST THAT ALL DATA BE OBTAINED CONCERNING
PURCHASE OF HOUSE AND PROPERTY BY INS~~SL~~ERMAN IN CAMBRIDGE, NY, FROM
WHOM PURCHASED, DATE OF PURCHASE, COST, AND MEANS OF FINANCING.
ALSO REQUEST INQUIRY BE MADE OF POSTMASTER IN CAMBRIDGE, NY, AS WELL
AS RURAL MAIL CARRIER COVERING INS~~SL~~ERMAN-S RESIDENCE IN EFFORT TO
ASCERTAIN TYPE OF MAIL INS~~SL~~ERMAN HAS RECEIVED AND SENT. DETERMINE
IF PACKAGES OR ARTICLES SIMILAR IN SIZE TO DOCUMENTS MAY HAVE BEEN
SENT OR RECEIVED BY HIM. SUGGEST MAIL COVER BE PLACED ON INS~~SL~~ERMAN.
IF POSSIBLE DETERMINE CONTACTS AND ASSOCIATES HE HAS MADE WHILE
RESIDING IN CAMBRIDGE IN VIEW OF FACT THAT INS~~SL~~ERMAN MAY HAVE BEEN
ACTIVE IN ESPIONAGE WORK UP TO RECENT DEVELOPMENTS THIS CASE. AS-
SISTANT TO AG T. J. DONEGAN DESIROUS OF RECEIVING ABOVE INFO PRIOR
TO JANUARY THIRD NEXT ON WHICH DATE INS~~SL~~ERMAN SCHEDULED TO APPEAR
BOFORE GRAND JURY IN NYC. SUTEL.

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Mr. Fletcher
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John

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R. WILL CHECK
US ARMY RECORD OF JOHN KORAL, ALSO KNOWN AS JOHN KORREY AND JOHN
KARLY, BORN MARCH SIXTEENTH NINETEEN SIXTEEN, HIBERNA, NEW JERSEY,
ARMY SERIAL NUMBER THREE TWO TWO TWO FIVE TWO SIX FIVE. DESCRIPTION
FIVE FEET FOUR INCHES, ONE HUNDRED SEVENTYFIVE POUNDS, BROWN EYES AND
HAIR, OCCUPATION TAILOR, RESIDENCE BELIEVED TO BE THIRTYFOUR ARTHUR
STREET, HEMPSTEAD, L. I. WILL ASCERTAIN ALL AVAILABLE ~~INFORMATION~~ *information*
AND PARTICULARLY DETERMINE IF JOHN KORAL WAS EVER STATIONED IN FORTY-
FOUR AT FT. JACKSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, A MEMBER OF THE FIVE HUNDRED
THIRTIETH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION. PLEASE EXPEDITE. SUTEL AND
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R
REBUTEL DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHT LAST AND WFO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED
DECEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST. MR. AND MRS. TEMPLE JOYCE DO NOT KNOW
ALGER HISS AND NEVER PRESENT WITH HIM AT ANY SOCIAL GATHERING WHERE
HE WAS HEARD TO EULOGIZE COMMUNISM. MRS. POLLY ENGEMAN GILL STATES
HER EX HUSBAND GEORGE H. ENGEMAN INTERESTED IN MARXISM BUT HAS NO
KNOWLEDGE OF HIS BEING ASSOCIATE OF HISS. ENGEMAN FORMERLY BALTIMORE
SUN AND WASHINGTON EVENING STAR REPORTER. ~~REDAK~~ PRESENTLY OPERATES NORTH
VIRGINIA FREE PRESS, ARLINGTON, VA. INFORMATION CONCERNING ENGEMAN
SET OUT IN WFO ~~LETTER~~ LETTER TO BUREAU DATED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN,
NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT, ENTITLED GEORGE H. ENGEMAN, PUBLIC RELATIONS
EMPLOYEE, WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., LGE. DETAILS RE INTERVIEWS
WILL BE SET OUT IN NEXT INVESTIGATIVE ~~REPORT~~ REPORT.

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TO : MR. D. M. LADD *On*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HB*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS
PERJURY;
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: 12-29-48

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Mr. Clegg	_____
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With reference to the outstanding instructions to interview Frederick Vanderbilt Field regarding his approach to Lawrence Duggan, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in at 4:20 p.m. and stated that Field is presently at his residence near Torrington, Connecticut. There is no immediate indication that he is returning to New York and an Agent acquainted with this case will proceed to Hartford, Connecticut, tomorrow to interview him with the assistance of the Resident Agent there.

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TO : Mr. H. B. Fletcher *HBF*

FROM : L. Whitson *W*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;
ALGER HISS; et al;
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

DATE: December 29, 1948

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The following 35 mm films* were examined and nothing of any espionage interest was noted with the possible exception of bridge construction photos and pictures of bridges contained in the group of films marked Q133 and Q137.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTYONE LAST. AUTHORITY GRANTED TO REINTERVIEW PHIL
RENO AND WILLIAM ARCHIBALD McMURPHY. INTERVIEW OF PHIL RENO SHOULD BE
POSTPONED UNTIL RECEIPT OF NEW YORK REPORT DATED DECEMBER TWENTY-THREE LAST
CONTAINING HIS SIGNED STATEMENT. REPORT BEING AIR MAILED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ESPIONAGE, PERJURY- R.

REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTY THIRD. CHICAGO ADDRESS OF E. P. FLINT
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g Transmit the following message to:

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE

DASH R. REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTYFOUR, LAST. E. P. FLINT PRESENTLY

WITH ARMOR RESEARCH INSTITUTE AT CHICAGO.

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(1) JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ET AL, PERJURY,
(2) ESPIONAGE R. RE BUFFALO TELETYPE DECEMBER TWENTY EIGHTH, FORTY
EIGHT. SUBMIT REPORT FIVE BUREAU, THREE NY, ONE ASSISTANT TO AG
T. J. DONEGAN.

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Mr. T. Hatcher

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R. SUGGEST
INTERVIEW BE MADE WITH FORMER SPECIAL AGENT ROY L. MORGAN WHOSE WHEREABOUTS
ARE KNOWN TO CHARLOTTE DIVISION FOR ANY INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION
CONCERNING ASSOCIATES, FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OF ALGER HISS. MORGAN
MAY HAVE TYPEWRITTEN MATERIAL EMANATING FROM HISS RESIDENCE. HE SHOULD
BE QUESTIONED IF HE EVER OBSERVED A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER OR ANY OTHER
TYPEWRITER IN HISS RESIDENCE. FOR INFORMATION OF CHARLOTTE DIVISION,
WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, IN PRE-TRIAL HEARING IN SLANDER SUIT INSTITUTED BY
ALGER HISS, TURNED OVER DOCUMENTS CLAIMED TO BE COPIES OF OFFICIAL STATE
DEPARTMENT MATERIAL WHICH MATERIAL WAS COPIED ON TYPEWRITER IN HISS
RESIDENCE BY MRS. PRISCILLA HISS AND THEN TURNED OVER TO CHAMBERS. FBI
LABORATORY STATES ABOVE MATERIAL TYPED ON A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER. SPECIMENS
OF A TYPEWRITER IN HISS FAMILY HAVE BEEN OBTAINED WHICH WERE WRITTEN ON SAME
MACHINE AS TYPED DOCUMENTS TURNED OVER BY CHAMBERS. ADDITIONAL SPECIMENS
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY,
ESP R. RE SAN FRANCISCO TEL DEC TWENTYEIGHT, FORTYEIGHT, AND NY
REPORT OF SA JOSEPH M. KELLY, DEC TWENTYTHIRD, FORTYEIGHT. REF.
REPORT SET OUT LEAD FOR SAN FRANCISCO TO ATTEMPT TO LOCATE ONE
AZIMOV /PHONETIC/ WHO ACCORDING TO SUBJ WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WAS A
METALLURGIST AND CONNECTED WITH THE UNIV. OF CALIF. AT BERKELEY,
PROBABLY IN THE YEARS NINETEEN THIRTYSIX TO THIRTYEIGHT. REF. TEL
ADVISED THAT AZIMOV PROBABLY IDENTICAL WITH MORRIS ASIMOW, BORN NOV
TWENTYSEVENTH, NINETEEN SIX, AT MILWAUKEE, WISC., AND PRESENTLY
LECTURER IN ENGINEERING AT UCLA. SAN FRANCISCO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY
FURNISH BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS ONE COPY OF NY REPORT TO LOS ANGELES,
AND LOS ANGELES UPON RECEIPT OF REPORT SHOULD LOCATE
AND INTERVIEW MORRIS ASIMOW AT UCLA ALONG THE LINES SET OUT IN LEAD
FOR SAN FRANCISCO IN REF. REPORT OF SA KELLY. IF POSSIBLE AT CONSENT
TO SEARCH SHOULD BE SECURED TO SEARCH ANY PERSONAL EFFECTS OF ASI-
MOW AND HIS CURRENT RESIDENCE ADDRESS SHOULD BE SECURED IN THE EVENT
T. J. DONEGAN, ASST. TO THE ATTY GENL HANDLING THE GJ IN NYC, SHOULD

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DESIRE TO SUBPOENA HIM. RESULTS OF THIS INTERVIEW SHOULD BE FURNISHED BY TELETYPE TO THE BUREAU, CHICAGO, WFO, BALTIMORE, AND NY, AND REPORT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED FOR BUREAU AND ABOVE OFFICES, DESIGNATING THREE COPIES FOR NY, ONE FOR ASST. TO AG T. J. DONEGAN. CHAMBERS HAS INDICATED THAT AZIMOV HAD WORKED AS HEAD OF THE RESEARCH DEPT. OF THE US STEEL CORP. IN CHICAGO. CHICAGO HAS ADVISED THAT TO DATE NO RECORD HAS BEEN FOUND AT THE US STEEL CORP. OF ANYONE BY THE NAME AZIMOV. CHICAGO SHOULD RECHECK AT THE US STEEL UNDER THE NAME MORRIS ASIMOW.

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WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FROM WASH FIELD 12-29-48 6:00 PM URGENT
DIRECTOR AND SAC, NEW YORK

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J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESP - R, IS - R.
SUGGEST POSSIBILITY THAT WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER IN QUESTION WAS TRADED
IN ON A CORONA PORTABLE TYPEWRITER ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY TIMOTHY HOBSON.
FBI LAB SPECIMEN K DASH ONE FIVE, WHICH IS TYPEWRITTEN MENU DATED
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R. ~~TIMOTHY HOBSON~~, SON OF PRISCILLA ~~HISS~~ BY FIRST MARRIAGE, PRESENTLY
RESIDES NYC. ATTENDED UNION COLLEGE, SCHENECTADY, NY, UNDER THE
V TWELVE PROGRAM, NOVEMBER FIRST, FORTYFOUR, TO JULY TWENTY SIXTH,
FORTYFIVE. CHECK RECORD AT THIS SCHOOL FOR BACKGROUND AND FOR ANY
TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS BY TIMOTHY HOBSON. SUBMIT SAME TO BUREAU FOR
COMPARISON WITH KNOWN SPECIMENS THIS CASE. SUTEL RESULTS.

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AGE R. RE TYPEWRITER. FRED GUDERT, SUPERINTENDENT, TWENTY TWO EAST
EIGHTH ST., NEW YORK, WHERE HISS RESIDES, INTERVIEWED TODAY. ADVISED
THAT HE HAS VISITED IN HISS APARTMENT ON MANY OCCASIONS AND THAT
IN SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTYEIGHT HISS LEFT THE KEY WITH HIM WHEN HE
VISITED THIS APARTMENT DAILY. STATED HE DID NOT RECALL EVER SEEING
A TYPEWRITER IN THE HOME, BUT DID STATE THAT IT HELD NO PARTICULAR
SIGNIFICANCE FOR HIM AT THAT TIME BUT HE DID NOT RECALL SEEING ONE.
HE RECALLED HISS MOVING IN IN SEPTEMBER, FORTYSEVEN, AND DID NOT
RECALL SEEING A TYPEWRITER ON THAT OCCASION. IN MOVING IN, A
QUANTITY OF BOOKS, HOUSEHOLD EQUIPMENT AND OTHER ITEMS IN CARTONS
WERE MOVED TO A SMALL PRIVATE BIN IN THE CELLER. THIS BIN IS LOCKED
BY A COMBINATION TYPE LOCK TO WHICH THE SUPERINTENDENT DOES NOT HAVE
THE COMBINATION. GUDERT DID NOT RECALL HISS HIMSELF REMOVING ANY
PROPERTY FROM THIS BIN. HE DID RECALL THAT TIMOTHY HOBSON, SON OF
PRISCILLA HISS, IN EITHER LATE AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER, FORTYEIGHT, IN
THE PRESENCE OF GUDERT, AND ON THE AUTHORITY OF HISS, REMOVED SOME

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MATERIAL FROM THE BIN. HE CLASSIFIED THE MATERIAL REMOVED AS ODDS AND ENDS. HE DID NOT RECALL THAT HOBSON TOOK A TYPEWRITER FROM THE BIN. ON DECEMBER TWENTY FIRST, FORTYEIGHT, HORACE ~~SCHMAHL~~, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR FOR ATTORNEY MC LEAN, ON AUTHORITY OF HISS ENTERED THE BIN. HE RECALLED THAT SCHMAHL WENT THROUGH THE MATERIAL IN THE BIN AND STAYED IN THERE ABOUT TWO HOURS. MRS. HISS HAD PREVIOUSLY ADVISED GUDERT THAT SCHMAHL WAS SPECIFICALLY INTERESTED IN SOME CHECK STUBS AND FOR THIS REASON HE WANTED TO GO THROUGH THE MATERIAL IN THE BIN. THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION ASCERTAINED THAT HISS PRESENTLY EMPLOYS A COLORED MAID, FIRST NAME ISABEL, WHO RESIDES SOMEWHERE IN HARLEM. EFFORTS TO ASCERTAIN HER IDENTITY CONTINUING AND IT IS PLANNED THAT SHE WILL BE INTERVIEWED. NO TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS LOCATED AT LAW FIRM OF COTTON AND FRANKLIN, NY, WHERE HISS FORMERLY EMPLOYED. HISS NOT A MEMBER OF ANY BAR ASSOCIATIONS IN NYC. HISS WAS ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN NYC IN THE EARLY NINETEEN THIRTIES. NO RECENT TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS APPEAR IN THIS FILE. EFFORTS TO SECURE TYPEWRITTEN SPECIMENS CONTINUING.

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R. IN THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN FORTY EIGHT ALGER HISS, ~~WAS~~ HIS WIFE AND
HIS SON

ANTHONY RESIDED AT PEACHAM, VT. THEY RENTED A COTTAGE FROM PROFESSOR
BRAND BLANCHARD, YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CONN. PROF. BLANCHARD
SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR ANY TYPEWRITTEN DOCUMENTS IN HIS POSSESSION
TYPED BY ANY MEMBERS OF THE HISS FAMILY. THESE DOCUMENTS SHOULD BE
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GEORGE C. BURTON, SEVEN NAUGHT ONE SOUTH SPRING AVENUE, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA
SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED IMMEDIATELY FOR HIS RECOLLECTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER
WHICH NOTES MADE BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE ADOLF A. BERLE OF LATTERS
INTERVIEW WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS SEPTEMBER TWO, NINETEEN THIRTYNINE WERE OBTAINED
BY LIAISON SECTION OF BUREAU FROM BERLE IN JUNE, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE AND SUBSEQUENTLY
RETURNED TO BERLE. NO INFORMATION CAN BE LOCATED IN BUREAU FILES AS TO WHO FROM
BUREAU OBTAINED NOTES FROM BERLE, WHETHER BERLE MADE ANY COMMENTS CONCERNING
NOTES AT TIME THEY WERE OBTAINED OR RETURNED, OR WHO FROM BUREAU RETURNED NOTES.
BUREAU FILES CONTAIN COVER MEMORANDUM PLACING COPIES OF NOTES IN FILES DICTATED
BY FORMER SA C. C. MAC CARTER FOR SIGNATURE OF FORMER SA FRANK WELCH INDICATING
RECEIPT OF ORIGINAL NOTES FROM LIAISON SECTION. BECAUSE OF NATURE OF TRANSACTION
IT IS THOUGHT POSSIBLE THAT BURTON WHO WAS CHIEF OF SECTION MAY HAVE HANDLED
MATTER WITH BERLE. EXPEDITE.

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POINT 4. Mr. Chafee asks if the microfilms were obtained from Mr. Chambers by the American Activities Committee and not by the Department.

As Congressman F. E. Herbert of Louisiana, a Democrat, said once during the hearing: "Show me a police department that does not have a stoolpinner and I will show you a police department that does not get results." Mr. Chafee as a law professor should be the first to recognize the truth of this statement. Mr. Chambers is certainly an informer in this case, but he should not destroy all bellwethers. His story if through that other facts can be developed which support it.

I acknowledge that in the past I and other members of the committee may have been guilty of making mistakes, in conducting our hearings. These mistakes should be admitted and corrected. I wish to point out

~~Gray~~
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Reference is made to a teletype from the New York Office dated December 11, 1948, requesting the Bureau and the Washington Field Office to secure photographs of Whittaker Chambers during the pertinent period in this investigation and particularly during the latter 1930's.

There are attached hereto for offices receiving copies of this letter two photographs of Whittaker Chambers taken during the years 1931 and 1934. These are the only photographs available in the Bureau files. It is suggested that the New York Office contact Chambers in an effort to obtain additional photographs of him for assistance in this investigation.

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IS ACCOUNT OF GJ ACTIVITIES INSTANT DATE.

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ON DECEMBER THIRTEEN WADLEIGH WILL RESUME TESTIMONY AND CHAMBERS AND
HISS HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN THEN. IN ADDITION TIMOTHY
HOBSON, STEPSON OF ALGER HISS BEING SUBPOENED TODAY FOR GJ APPEARANCE
DECEMBER THIRTEEN. DONEGAN ADVISES USA MC-GONEY THIS AM
COMMUNICATED TELEPHONICALLY WITH REPRESENTATIVE NIXON. LATTER
AGREED TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO GJ HERE ORIGINAL MATERIAL FOUND ON CHAMBERS
FARM DECEMBER TWO LAST. CONFIRMING WIFE WAS SENT LATE MC-GONEY TO
NIXON THIS AM UPON AUTHORIZATION OF CJ. ACCORDING TO SUBPOENA
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DUCE. TECUM PREPARED LAST EVENING FOR KARL MUNDT IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE. DONEGAN REQUESTS EFFORTS TO SECURE PHOTOS OF WHITTAKER CHAMBERS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, PARTICULARLY LATTER THIRTIES. BUREAU AND WASH FIELD OFFICE REQUESTED TO MAKE SUCH SEARCH AND THIS OFFICE ALSO ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE THEM. CHAMBERS AGREED TO THE REQUEST OF DONEGAN FOR GJ APPEARANCE DECEMBER FOURTEEN OF ESTHER CHAMBERS, HIS WIFE.

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HISS, VISITING RELATIVES AT TWENTY SEVENTEEN BOLTON STREET, BALTIMORE,
MD. UNTIL JANUARY THIRD NEXT. BALTIMORE SEPARATELY ADVISED. RUC.
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R. REMYTEL TO BUREAU DECEMBER SEVENTEEN REQUESTING DEPARTMENT
INSTRUCTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS IN THIS CASE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO FURNISH
ALL INSTRUCTIONS IN ORDER THAT INTERVIEWS PENDING IN CHICAGO MAY BE
~~RE~~ CARRIED OUT. RE WFO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO DECEMBER
TWENTY SEVEN REQUESTING INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GEORGE BLACKWELL, WHOSE
HUSBAND TEACHES AT LAKE FOREST ACADEMY. INFORMATION IN CHICAGO
FILES FROM NEW YORK OFFICE REVEALS MRS. BLACKWELL LISTED WITH INS IN
NATURALIZATION CASES IN NINETEEN FORTY BY GERMINA RABINOWITCH, WAS.,
CONTACT OF RABINOWITCH AND SOVIET ESPIONAGE SUSPECT AS A REFERENCE
WHO COULD VERIFY THEIR RESIDENCE AT PLAINFIELD VERMONT, DURING
NINETEEN FORTY. RE BALTIMORE REPORT DECEMBER TWENTY THREE LAST
LISTING LEAD FOR CHICAGO TO INTERVIEW HERMAN MEYER, PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO RE FRANKLIN RENO. MEYER HAS BEEN REPORTED TO ~~BE~~
~~RE~~ BE A SOCIALIST AND WAS INTERVIEWED IN NINETEEN FORTY SEVEN RE
GRUNBERG, AN ACQUAINTANCE. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE INTERVIEWS
WITH MRS. BLACKWELL AND MEYER IN VIEW OF ABOVE INFORMATION RE
BLACKWELL AND FACT MEYER IS COLLEGE ~~TEACHER~~ PROFESSOR.

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REURTEL DECEMBER TWENTY-EIGHT, NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT. RE INTERVIEW WITH MRS. GEORGE BLACKWELL AND PROFESSOR HERMAN MEYER. MRS. BLACKWELL SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING HER KNOWLEDGE OF ALGER HISS AND WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WHETHER SHE HAD KNOWLEDGE THAT ALGER HISS KNEW CHAMBERS AND WHETHER SHE HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT ALGER HISS WAS FURNISHING GOVERNMENT INFORMATION TO CHAMBERS. MRS. BLACKWELL SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED WHETHER PRISCILLA OR ALGER HISS HAD A TYPEWRITER IN THEIR RESIDENCE AT ANY TIME AND IF SO A DESCRIPTION OF THE TYPEWRITER SHOULD BE OBTAINED FROM MRS. BLACKWELL. PROFESSOR HERMAN MEYER SHOULD BE ASKED THE QUESTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THAT PERTAINING TO THE TYPEWRITER AND IN ADDITION HE SHOULD BE INTERVIEWED FOR ANY INFORMATION REGARDING FRANKLIN VICTOR RENO'S ASSOCIATION WITH WHITTAKER CHAMBERS OR ALGER HISS AND QUESTIONED FOR ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES ON RENO'S PART WITH AN UNDERGROUND COMMUNIST APPARATUS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. AT ANY TIME. DETERMINE IF MEYER HAS ANY KNOWLEDGE OF RENO HAVING FURNISHED GOVERNMENT INFORMATION FROM THE ABERDEEN PROVING GROUNDS, MARYLAND TO CHAMBERS.

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DECEMBER SIXTEEN. INQUIRY AT RAILROAD RETIREMENT BOARD REVEALS THAT
NO RECORD IS AVAILABLE CONCERNING RRB PERSONNEL IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL
BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH, WPA PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO RRB IN NINE-
TEEN THIRTY SEVEN, INCLUDING SUBJECT. THIS PROJECT CARRIED OUT UNDER
GENERAL SUPERVISION OF ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, AT THAT TIME CHIEF
ECONOMIST OF THE RRB, WHO LEFT RRB IN FORTY TWO AND WHO HAS BEEN A
SUBJECT OF BUREAU'S SILVERMASTER CASE. V. PAUL CARNEY, FORMER PER-
SONNEL OFFICER AND NOW IN RRB LEGAL DEPT., ADVISES HE KNOWS OF NO ONE
PRESENTLY WITH RRB WHO HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH THIS PROJECT BUT HE
WILL REVIEW LIST OF FORMER RRB EMPLOYEES ON DECEMBER TWENTY TO AS-
CERTAIN WHO WOULD BE IN ~~CONVICT~~ POSITION TO FURNISH INFORMATION RE
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY;
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DATE: 12-22-48

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At 2:45 p.m. today, ASAC Belmont, New York, called in again and stated that he had talked to Mr. Donegan and that the Grand Jury of New York is to actually adjourn today until January 3, 1949. Further, he stated that Mr. Donegan was issuing a subpoena for Felix August Inslerman, identified from photographs by Chambers as the photographer "Felix". He desired that an Agent serve the subpoena. He left it up to the discretion of the Bureau as to when Inslerman should be interviewed.

Mr. Belmont was instructed to have an Agent of the New York Office well acquainted with the case proceed to Albany, New York, tonight to handle the interview with Inslerman tomorrow and to serve the subpoena. He was instructed to make the necessary arrangements with the Albany Office so that some Agent of the Albany Office would assist the Agent sent on this special assignment from the New York Office.

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SAC, New York

December 20, 1948

Director, FBI

RE: DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases;
ALGER HISS;
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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated December 15, 1948, concerning the results of the FBI laboratory examination of the film made available by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

On December 16, 1948, Mr. Keith Lewis, Washington representative of the Eastman Kodak Company, was contacted for the purpose of determining the approximate age of the film referred to in referenced letter as Film C, Grand Jury Exhibit 48. This film was one that allegedly was exposed and developed some years ago and contained 22 exposures.

Mr. Lewis advised that he had been called before the House Un-American Activities Committee on December 6, 1948, at which time he contacted his Rochester office and was advised that the film was made in 1946; however, this was later corrected by the Rochester office to be 1937. Mr. Lewis advised that the original date of 1946 was simply an error and that the film had positively been identified as having been manufactured by the Eastman Kodak Company in 1937. He further stated that the film was believed to be Kodak microfilm film but there was no way of definitely ascertaining this.

One of the rolls of film was identified as having been manufactured by the Dupont Company and the Baltimore Office of this Bureau, utilizing the available identifying data on the film, determined from the Dupont Company that the particular roll of film was manufactured either in December, 1936, or in June, 1944. It was stated that a positive determination of the date could not be made without an examination of the negative itself. The correct person to contact to determine the exact age of this particular roll of film is Mr. A. H. Burkhart of the Parlin Plant, Photo Products Department, Dupont Company, Parlin, New Jersey.

For your information, the Bureau is attempting through the House Un-American Activities Committee to secure the film for the purpose of having it examined by the Dupont Company and the Eastman Kodak Company so that competent witnesses will be available to testify as to the age of the film.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. D. M. Ladd

FROM : H. B. Fletcher

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.;
ALGER HISS; Perjury, Espionage = R

DATE: December 21, 1948

Mr. Tolson ✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓
Mr. Clegg ✓
Mr. Glavin ✓
Mr. Ladd ✓
Mr. Nichols ✓
Mr. Rosen ✓
Mr. Tracy ✓
Mr. Carson ✓
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The following is a chronology of action taken by the Bureau in connection with this case from the time that the Bureau first heard about the documents turned over by Chambers at the deposition hearing in Baltimore, Maryland, on November 17, 1948, until Alger Hiss was interviewed on December 4, 1948.

On the afternoon of November 23, 1948, Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. Donegan called at Mr. Ladd's office and advised that he had just come from a conference with Mr. Campbell in the Criminal Division of the Department. Mr. Donegan told Mr. Ladd that he wanted him to explain to the Director that at the time he, Donegan, saw the Director that morning he did not have the information which he furnished to Mr. Ladd and which is as follows:

Mr. Donegan stated that Mr. Campbell advised that he went to Baltimore on Friday of the previous week (November 19, 1948) at the request of an attorney named Marberry who is representing Alger Hiss in his suit against Chambers and that he, Campbell, was accompanied by Mr. Mike Russo and Dean Schedler of the Department. Also present on this occasion were the attorneys for Chambers and "Time" Magazine. He said that Hiss' attorney is supposed to have taken a deposition from Mr. Chambers on Wednesday, November 17, 1948, at which time Chambers brought with him about 160 or 170 documents which he stated he had obtained from Alger Hiss a number of years ago when Hiss was with the State Department, for delivery to a General Bucoff (phonetic) (subsequently determined to be Colonel Bykov). These attorneys stated that Alger Hiss had denied furnishing these documents to Chambers but admitted that some of his handwriting is on the documents, indicating that he did handle them at the State Department. Mr. Donegan stated that J. Peters is supposed to have informed Chambers that Bucoff was representing the Russians in this country. Chambers allegedly stated that he did not trust Bucoff.

Mr. Donegan advised that there is no explanation for the appearance of these documents in the possession of Chambers at this time. He said the production of the documents has greatly embarrassed his attorneys who had no knowledge of them until he walked into the deposition hearing carrying them. Mr. Donegan stated that when Chambers was questioned before the Grand Jury in the Gregory Case he was specifically asked if he had any documents and he stated that he did not.

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Mr. Donegan stated the purpose of his being in Washington on that date was at the specific request of Mr. Campbell who wanted to institute perjury charges against Chambers by reason of his testimony before the Grand Jury as indicated above. Mr. Donegan stated that a memorandum was being prepared in the Criminal Division at that time addressed to the Bureau requesting that the attorneys be contacted in Baltimore and that a copy of the deposition of Chambers be obtained and an examination made of the State Department's documents which Chambers had turned over to the court and which were being held in Baltimore by the court in connection with the civil suit. (Source - Memo from Mr. Ladd to Director re Gregory Case, dated 11/23/48.)

By memorandum dated November 23, 1948, which was received in the Internal Security Section of the Bureau at 10:22 am. November 24, 1948, Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell advised as follows:

"On November 19, 1948, Solicitor General Perlman informed me that he had received a message from William L. Marbury, 1000 Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore, Maryland, an attorney who is representing Alger Hiss in the civil suit in Federal court at Baltimore against Whittaker Chambers.

"I contacted Mr. Marbury by telephone and he advised that the matter was of considerable importance and he did not wish to discuss it on the telephone. Mr. Russo, Mr. Schedler, and myself met with Mr. Marbury and Mr. Evans, who represent Alger Hiss, and with Messrs. Richard F. Cleveland and William D. MacMillan, 2500 O'Sullivan Building, representing Whittaker Chambers, and Mr. Harold R. Medina, Jr., 15 Broad Street, New York City, representing Time Incorporated, at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon of Friday, November 19, 1948. Mr. Marbury stated that as attorneys for Alger Hiss they had taken a deposition from Whittaker Chambers on Wednesday, November 17th. The attorneys for Whittaker Chambers and Mr. Medina, the attorney for Time Magazine, were also present at the taking of this deposition.

"Mr. Marbury said that he had consulted with Alger Hiss and Hiss was desirous that this information be brought to the attention of the Government. Chambers brought to Mr. Marbury's office a number of documents, totaling approximately 162 pages, purporting to be confidential documents of the State Department. In his deposition Chambers

"stated that these documents had been given to him by Alger Hiss to be delivered to a Russian Colonel by the name of Bukoff (phonetic). Mr. Marbury fixed the time as about 1937 and 1938. It is noted that the deposition had not been transcribed by the official reporter at the time of this interview since the attorneys for both Hiss and Chambers were desirous of consulting with the Department of Justice prior to having this done.

"Mr. Marbury said that Mr. Hiss commented that he thought summaries of some of these documents were in his handwriting but he is quite positive in stating that he never turned these documents over to Chambers.

"The attorneys agreed by stipulation with the approval of the court to delay any further proceedings in this civil action for a period of two weeks in order that the Department of Justice might take whatever action it deems appropriate.

"The photostatic copies of the documents, which are in the possession of Mr. Cleveland, will be made available to the FBI. The originals are in the custody of the Clerk of the Court.

"Chambers testified before a Federal grand jury in the Southern District of New York to the effect that he had no information concerning espionage activities involving Alger Hiss. It is also noted that he did not inform the grand jury or the FBI that he had these documents in his possession. In his testimony before the grand jury he stated that neither Alger Hiss nor any other individuals, whom he claimed he had been in contact with, had turned over any Government documents to him.

"It is desired that an immediate investigation be conducted so that it can be determined whether Chambers has committed perjury. In this connection the photostatic copies of these documents should be obtained together with a copy of the deposition given by Chambers.

"Chambers was asked a general question in the grand jury as to whether he could furnish any further information that would be helpful to the grand jury. In response to this question he stated that perhaps there was a point that should be brought out and that about 1937 or early 1938 J. Peters introduced him to a Russian who also went under the name

"of Peter. Chambers went on to testify that he learned from comparing notes with Kravitsky that this was a Colonel Bukoff, which he explained was a phonetic spelling, and Bukoff had been with Kravitsky in Italy. He went on to say that Bukoff was interested in the apparatus in Washington. He described him as a rather dreadful character from the slums of Odessa who lived in constant fear of the American secret police. Chambers further stated that there was a jurisdictional rivalry between J. Peters and Peter Bukoff, and J. Peters was anxious that Bukoff should not know what was going on in Washington because he feared the Russians would try to take over the Washington group. Chambers said the last he saw of Bukoff was shortly before he left the Communist Party the last time. Chambers was then asked a question in the grand jury whether he received any further information than that which he related to the grand jury which indicated that Bukoff was engaged in espionage activities. Chambers responded to this question that he could only say from inference. He was then asked the question whether he had related this information concerning Bukoff to the FBI. He answered that he did as nearly as he could remember it. Chambers gave no further testimony concerning Bukoff and made no reference whatsoever to having contacts with Bukoff for the purpose of turning documents over to him.

"It is also requested that Mr. Marbury be contacted for the purpose of obtaining his permission to interview his client, Alger Hiss. Upon the interview with Alger Hiss he should be questioned concerning the allegation of Chambers that he, Hiss, turned these documents over to Chambers. All information concerning the documents should also be obtained from Hiss. In this connection, it is contemplated that Hiss might be questioned before the grand jury in the Southern District of New York with reference to these allegations. It is noted that when Hiss testified before the grand jury he denied that he furnished any confidential information to any unauthorized persons and he also denied that he knew Whittaker Chambers.

"It is further noted that the term of the New York grand jury will come to a close on December 15, 1948, and since it is likely that it will be necessary to present further testimony before them, it is important that this investigation be given expeditious attention."

(Source - Memo from AAG Campbell to the Director dated 11/23/48, re "Testimony of Whittaker Chambers before Grand Jury.")

By letter dated November 24, 1948, the Baltimore Office was furnished the following letter from the Bureau which was in confirmation of telephonic instructions given by Supervisor Lish Whitson to SAC McFarlin at 10:00 a.m. November 24, 1948:

"Reference is made to the telephone call from the Bureau to you at 10:00 a.m., November 24, 1948. This will confirm the instructions given at that time that you should contact the attorneys for Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers, namely William L. Marbury, 1000 Maryland Trust Building, Baltimore, and Richard F. Cleveland, 2500 O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore, and arrange to obtain two copies of the transcript of the deposition given by Whittaker Chambers on Wednesday, November 17. One copy should be forwarded to the Bureau promptly and the other retained by you for your investigative use.

"You should also secure from Mr. Cleveland photostatic copies of the alleged State Department documents totalling approximately 162 pages which Chambers claims were obtained from Hiss for delivery to the Russian Colonel Bukoff (phonetic).

"You should make arrangements to obtain photographic or photostatic copies of the reverse of any of these documents which bears handwriting, date stamps or other indicia of the character, classification or handling of the documents where such is not available in the photostats. You should retain copies of all of these documents for your own investigative use and forward one set of copies to the Bureau. The Department has specifically requested that you obtain the photostatic copies in the possession of Mr. Cleveland.

"After obtaining a copy of the transcript and a copy of each of the documents, you should pursuant to the Department's request contact Mr. Marbury for the purpose of obtaining his permission to interview his client. After Mr. Hiss' interview has been arranged you should question him concerning the allegations of Chambers contained in the deposition and concerning each of the documents in question. If possible, you should obtain a signed statement from him.

"As you were instructed, you should proceed with this investigation immediately in order to meet a deadline of two weeks from Friday, November 19. You appreciate that the Department must have an opportunity to pass upon the results of your investigation and reach a decision prior to December 3, 1948.

"Attached for your information and guidance is a copy of a communication from Mr. Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, dated November 23, 1948.

"You are specifically instructed to make no comments or give no indication to the attorneys or Hiss regarding the possible action of the Department as indicated in the attached communication from Mr. Campbell.

"No contact with Chambers is authorized at this time."

In a memorandum dated November 24, 1948, from Supervisor Lish Whitson to Mr. Ladd, Mr. Whitson stated that at 5:30 p.m. that date, SAC McFarlin of Baltimore telephonically advised that he had obtained the photostatic copies of the documents in question but that the photostats were poor. He advised that the original items were in the possession of a document examiner in New York named Hilton who is employed by Elbridge W. Stein, further identifying data unknown. SAC McFarlin said that none of the items presented by Chambers were State Department originals; that they were either typewritten or handwritten copies of excerpts therefrom. Mr. McFarlin stated that he would let the Bureau know when the original items are returned to Chambers' attorney, Mr. Cleveland in Baltimore.

SAC McFarlin advised that the court reporter, T. Edward McDonald, had taken approximately 100 pages of testimony on November 17, 1948, which includes and concerns the documents. He was instructed by Mr. Alexander M. Campbell not to have this testimony transcribed by a public stenographer, that he, Campbell, would arrange to have it done by the past Monday. He stated that as of that date (November 24) McDonald has not heard from Mr. Campbell.

McFarlin wanted to know whether Hiss should be interviewed on the basis of the general statements that had been made regarding Chambers' allegations concerning the documents or whether they should wait until the

transcripts were available. He also wondered if the Hiss interrogation should go into matters other than the documents.

Pursuant to instructions received from Mr. Ladd, Supervisor Whitson advised Mr. McFarlin at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

- (1) Baltimore should forward the photostats to the Bureau, Attention of Mr. Ladd, so that the Mechanical Section could start duplicating them immediately and then the Laboratory could commence examination;
- (2) The Bureau will contact Mr. Campbell concerning the procurement of the transcript of the testimony of November 17, 1948;
- (3) Hiss' interview should be based on the transcript of November 17, and to the documents to which it refers.

(Source - Memo from Mr. Whitson to Mr. Ladd dated 11/24/48, entitled "Whittaker Chambers, Internal Security - R.")

By letter dated November 25, 1948, which was received by Supervisor Lish Whitson on November 26, 1948, the Baltimore Office enclosed photostatic copies of 65 pages of typewritten material and photostatic copies of five pages of handwritten material which were obtained on November 24, 1948, from Mr. Richard F. Cleveland, Baltimore, Maryland, attorney for Whittaker Chambers, by Special Agents Daniel F. X. Callahan and Frank G. Johnstone of the Baltimore Office. These Agents executed a receipt for the material and it was stated that the material need not be returned to Mr. Cleveland. The enclosures were photostatic copies of documents presented by Chambers during his pre-trial deposition in connection with the pending of a libel suit files by Hiss against Chambers.

This letter stated that the original documents were then in New York City being examined by a private document examiner named Hilton and that the original documents were to be returned to Mr. Cleveland at Baltimore on Friday, November 26, 1948, at which time they were to be loaned to the Baltimore Office. The letter stated that the originals would then be transmitted to the Bureau.

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The letter stated that the enclosed photostatic copies were the only ones available at that time; however, Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Marbury and the law firm of Cravath, Swain and Moore also possessed a set of these photostatic copies.

The letter stated that approximately 100 pages of the deposition taken on the afternoon of November 17, 1948, all of which pertained directly to the enclosed documents, had not been transcribed by Mr. T. Edward McDonald, shorthand reporter, as of that date. Following the request of Mr. Campbell it was stated that Mr. McDonald was supposed to have received instructions on Monday, November 22, 1948, pertaining to the transcription of this portion of the testimony but he had received no instructions from Mr. Campbell in that regard.

The letter stated that the testimony for the three and one-half days, November 4, 5, 16 and the morning of the 17th, 1948, had been transcribed and distributed as follows: Original and three copies to Mr. Marbury; 2 copies to Mr. Cleveland; and 1 copy retained by Mr. McDonald. Mr. McDonald's copy was available to the Bureau at a price which was then unknown. The letter stated that his copy of the transcript of testimony beginning noon, November 17, 1948, could undoubtedly be obtained upon request from Mr. McDonald but that such an order should probably be placed before the transcription commenced.

The letter advised that one of Mr. Marbury's copies of the transcript had been sent to an unknown law firm in New York City associated with Mr. Marbury in representing Hiss in the libel suit. The original and the other two copies of the transcript were still in Mr. Marbury's possession. One of Mr. Cleveland's copies of the transcript had been sent to Cravath, Swain and Moore, while the second copy was still in his possession.

The letter stated that the Baltimore Office had not as of that date had an opportunity to review the testimony taken during the first three and one-half days of the deposition. (Source - Letter from Baltimore to Bureau dated 11/25/48, re "Alger Hiss; Whittaker Chambers; Espionage - R")

By memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd dated November 26, 1948, Mr. Fletcher advised that at 1:00 p.m. that date, after several attempts, he reached Mr. Alexander Campbell of the Department and told him

that the originals of the documents were in the hands of a handwriting expert in New York and that all the Bureau could get at that time were photostatic copies. Mr. Campbell inquired as to when the originals would be available again at Baltimore. He was told that a check would be made about this. Mr. Fletcher also pointed out to him that the court reporter had taken no steps to prepare a transcript of the testimony of November 17, 1948, and that he was awaiting Campbell's advice. Mr. Campbell said he would have Mr. Russo of the Department call Fletcher immediately. Mr. Russo called and it was finally decided that Mr. Russo would get in touch with Mr. McDonald, the court reporter, after he had determined from the Administrative Section of the Department how to pay for the transcript.

Mr. Russo called Mr. Fletcher at 3:15 p.m. on the same date and stated that it had been arranged to have two copies of the transcript prepared for the use of the Department and that they would be available on the following Monday. Mr. Fletcher pointed out to Mr. Russo that the Bureau would need a copy and he asked if we could photostat it. He was told that this could be done. He asked that the transcription be furnished to the Department as promptly as possible and Mr. Fletcher told him that he would have it in his hands either on the following Monday or Tuesday without fail.

Mr. Fletcher then made a check with the Mechanical Section and it was found that the minimum cost of photostating would be fifteen cents per page. Mr. Fletcher then called SAC McFarlin at Baltimore and inquired of him as to when the original documents would be returned to Baltimore and he stated they were being returned on that day. He was asked for the name of the Agent who would secure the transcription copies from the court reporter and SAC McFarlin advised that the Agent's name is Frank Johnstone. SAC McFarlin was advised that the Department wanted two copies of the transcript and, if necessary, the Bureau would prepare photostatic copies of the transcription for use in the investigation. He was told that Mr. Fletcher would try to get the Department to secure an extra copy of the transcription.

At 3:30 p.m. the same day Mr. Fletcher called Mr. Russo in the Department and advised him of the name of the Special Agent who would obtain the transcription copies from the court reporter. Mr. Fletcher told him that the transcription would be picked up on the following Monday and that every effort would be made to get it into Washington the same day. Mr. Fletcher also pointed out that the photostating would cost the Bureau a minimum of fifteen cents a page and Mr. Russo said that in view of this he would order an extra copy of the transcription.

SAC McFarlin advised Mr. Fletcher that they would secure the original documents and would bring them to Washington the following Monday with the transcription so that the documents could be handled by the Technical Laboratory. (Source - Memo from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd dated 11/26/48, re "Whittaker Chambers, IS-R")

On November 26, 1948, a letter was sent to the New York Office from the Bureau with copies to Washington and Baltimore. This letter attached for the information of the New York and Washington Field Offices copies of the letter to the Baltimore Office dated November 24, 1948, entitled "Whittaker Chambers; Internal Security - R," and its attachment, which was a communication dated November 23, 1948, from Alexander M. Campbell, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, re "Testimony of Whittaker Chambers Before Grand Jury." The letter stated that it should be noted from the remarks of Mr. Campbell that if prosecutive action is taken against Whittaker Chambers by reason of the testimony given before the Grand Jury, that the New York Office will be the office of prosecution. The Washington Field Office was furnished with copies of the above items in view of its interest in matters affecting both Hiss and Chambers. (Source - Letter from Bureau to SAC - New York, dated 11/26/48, re "Whittaker Chambers; Perjury; IS-R")

By letter dated November 29, 1948, addressed to the Bureau and received in Inspector Fletcher's office at 3:40 p.m. November 29, 1948, the Baltimore Office referred to a conversation of November 26, 1948, between Mr. Fletcher and SAC McFarlin in this matter. The letter enclosed to the Bureau two stenographic transcripts of the deposition of Chambers furnished to the Baltimore Office by Court Reporter T. Edward McDonald. An additional copy of this transcript was being retained in the Baltimore Office. This letter also enclosed the original documents which Chambers alleged he received from Hiss. These documents were turned over to Agents of the Baltimore Office by Richard F. Cleveland of the firm of Semmes, Bowen and Semmes, Baltimore, Maryland, on November 26, 1948. The originals were numbered 1-47 inclusive and were introduced in the pre-trial deposition of Whittaker Chambers in the case of Hiss v Chambers pending in the District Court of the U. S., 4th District of Maryland. Exhibits Nos. 1-4 inclusive were described as handwritten notes on small pieces of white paper. Exhibits Nos. 5-47 were described as letter-size, typewritten, white sheets. The letter stated that

there was a total of 65 pages of typewritten exhibits and that each of the original documents had been identified with the signature of the Court Reporter T. E. McDonald at the time the deposition was taken from Chambers. The letter also enclosed a stained manila envelope approximately eight and three-fourths by twelve inches in size, which, according to Mr. Cleveland, was the envelope that Chambers claimed he had kept the documents in since the time of his receiving them from Hiss. It was not alleged, however, that the envelope was furnished to Chambers by Hiss.

The Bureau was requested to advise the Baltimore Office after reviewing the documents and testimony so that arrangements could be made to interview Alger Hiss as previously requested by the Bureau. In the interim the interview with Hiss was being deferred. (Source - Letter from Baltimore to Bureau dated November 29, 1948, re "Whittaker Chambers; Perjury; Internal Security - R")

By memorandum dated November 30, 1948, addressed to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, the Bureau enclosed two copies of the stenographic transcripts of the deposition of Whittaker Chambers and the original and one photostatic copy of the documents which Chambers alleged he received from Alger Hiss. In this memorandum Mr. Campbell was advised that an examination was being made by the FBI Laboratory of the handwriting appearing on the handwritten notes in an effort to determine if it is identical with the known handwriting of Alger Hiss. The memorandum stated that immediate arrangements were being made to interview Alger Hiss in connection with the enclosed documents. By memorandum dated December 1, 1948, addressed to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, the Bureau advised that the FBI Laboratory had concluded that the handwriting appearing on Exhibits Nos. 1-4 in the memorandum to Mr. Campbell dated November 30, 1948, was written by Alger Hiss. The originals of those exhibits were enclosed with this memorandum. (Source - Memo from Director to AAG Campbell dated 12/1/48 re "Whittaker Chambers; Perjury; IS-R")

By letter dated December 1, 1948, from the Bureau to the Washington Field Office, with copies to Baltimore, there was enclosed for the Washington Office one set of photostatic copies of the documents which Chambers alleged he received from Hiss for delivery to a Colonel Bykov and which were made available to the Baltimore Office by Hiss' attorney. These documents included

65 pages of typewritten material and five pages of handwritten notes on small pieces of paper, alleged to be the writing of Alger Hiss. The Washington Field Office was instructed to immediately contact the appropriate officials at the State Department in connection with these documents and:

- (1) Determine the authenticity of State Department documents;
- (2) Whether the documents appear to be originals or excerpts of State Department documents;
- (3) In the event that they were found to be copies of original documents, to determine if the originals are presently in the possession of the State Department;
- (4) If the originals are in the possession of the State Department, determine the present classification of them and what classification was given to them when they were first received by the State Department;
- (5) Determine what markings for routing or initials appeared on the originals and, if possible, determine the name of the individual responsible for the routing of the documents;
- (6) Determine the name of the person who is presently in charge of the originals of these documents and the name of the person who is in a position to testify as to their authenticity;
- (7) Determine if Alger Hiss had access to these documents while employed by the State Department;
- (8) Determine if there is anyone now employed at the State Department who was employed there during 1937-38 who can assist in identifying these documents or can furnish any information concerning them.
- (9) If any documents are identified as being originals, copies, or excerpts of State Department documents, an effort should be made to obtain the State Department's copy in order that it can be photostated.

The Washington Field Office was advised that the interview with Alger Hiss was being held in abeyance pending the results of the investigation

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at the State Department. The Washington Field Office was further advised that the Bureau should be telephonically contacted if the check at the State Department would result in any undue delay which might be caused by a search of the State Department files. (Source - Letter to WFO from the Bureau dated December 1, 1948, re "Whittaker Chambers; Perjury; IS-R")

By memorandum dated December 2, 1948, from Inspector Leo Laughlin to Inspector H. B. Fletcher, Mr. Laughlin advised that Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office had telephonically contacted the Bureau and referred to Bureau letter of December 1, 1948, requesting certain investigation in this matter and particularly to the instructions to the Washington Field Office to telephonically advise the Bureau if the requested investigation encountered any delay.

Mr. Delavigne advised that a Special Agent had discussed this matter with Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department in detail. Mr. Neal advised that he realized the necessity for urgency and accordingly would put all available personnel on this job. Even under those circumstances Mr. Neal stated, the earliest the search could be substantially completed would be December 8, 1948. Mr. Neal pointed out that undoubtedly some of the material in question would be in the Archives Building and this might further delay the project. Mr. Neal assured the Agent that he would do his best to obtain the desired information as expeditiously as possible.

Mr. Russo was then advised of the above facts by Inspector Laughlin. Mr. Russo stated that under the circumstances there did not appear to be anything the Bureau could do and that the interview should be held in abeyance pending the results of the search. Mr. Russo added that Mr. Donegan who was handling this case was due in Washington the next day for a conference, at which time he would work out the details and advise the Bureau if there is any change or additional requests on the part of the Department. He stated that Mr. Donegan had sent out notices for the Grand Jury to reconvene on December 9, 1948. He said he understood that Mr. Donegan was anxious to have that Grand Jury return the indictment in this case; however, he pointed out that the Grand Jury would expire on December 15, 1948. Mr. Russo advised that he would communicate with the Bureau after conferring with Mr. Donegan.

By memorandum dated December 3, 1948 from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd it was stated that Mr. Russo called Mr. Fletcher at 10:15 A.M. that date and stated that they were holding a conference in Mr. Peyton Ford's Office and it was understood by Mr. Fletcher that Mr. Donegan, Mr. Ford, Mr. Campbell, and Mr. Russo were in attendance. Mr. Russo stated, with reference to the interview with Hiss, that they have not decided whether or not it should be conducted before the completion of the search of the State Department records. He said, however, that they definitely wanted Chambers interviewed immediately -- on that date, if possible, and that he should be interviewed concerning this whole matter. Questions should be particularly pointed at the information he furnished which appears on page 766 of the transcript. (This related to information furnished by Chambers that he has in his possession handwriting of the late Harry Dexter White.) Mr. Fletcher asked that Russo confirm the request for the interview by proper memorandum and he said he would.

Mr. Fletcher told Mr. Russo that he could not guarantee an interview with Chambers on that date but that the Bureau would be in contact with him and arrange for the interview.

Within a minute or two Mr. Campbell called Mr. Fletcher and stated that there is an indication in Chamber's statement that he has other documents. Mr. Campbell requested that Chambers be questioned with respect to such a possibility and an effort should be made to obtain from him any other documents that he might have which are governmental in character. (Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd dated December 3, 1948; Re: Whittaker Chambers; Perjury)

At 11:30 A.M. on December 3, 1948 Mr. Fletcher telephonically contacted ASAC Lally in Baltimore and told him that the Department desired Chambers interviewed on that date, if possible, and instructed that he contact the attorney of Chambers to find out if he could advise as to when Chambers could be available. SAC McFarlin telephoned at 11:50 A.M. and advised Mr. Fletcher that he had been in touch with Mr. Cleveland, who said that Chambers was coming to his office at 2:00 P.M. that date with reference to his case and that he would be available for an interview about 4:00 P.M.

Mr. Fletcher instructed SA Supervisor F. L. Jones of the Bureau to handle the interview and he departed for Baltimore at 2:00 P.M. by train. SAC McFarlin was advised that SA Jones was en route to Baltimore and further that it could be anticipated that an interview with Hiss would become necessary, perhaps that week-end, and that the interview with Hiss would be handled by the Baltimore agents.

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Mr. Fletcher's memorandum indicated that he instructed SA Jones not only to ask Chambers whether he had additional documents in his possession, but also to determine whether or not he ever had additional documents in his possession and to whom he had given them.

At 2:00 P.M. that same date Mr. Campbell of the Department telephoned Mr. Fletcher and inquired as to whether or not the interview with Chambers would be accomplished. He was told that the Bureau had made tentative arrangements to start the interview at 4:00 P.M. He said he wanted Mr. Fletcher to have Chambers told that he was going to be under subpoena to appear before the Grand Jury in the Federal Building, New York City, at 10:00 A.M., December 8, 1948 and in effect, the statement was to be that he was under subpoena. Mr. Campbell was told that this would be done.

Mr. Campbell also advised Mr. Fletcher for the confidential information of the Bureau that a subpoena was being issued for Hiss for December 9, 1948. Mr. Campbell instructed that an interview with Hiss be accomplished over the week-end, if possible, even though the research at the State Department with reference to the various documents was not complete. He also requested that a copy of the reports be furnished to Mr. Donegan at New York. He stated confidentially that they probably would not have Chambers actually appear before the Grand Jury since an indictment against him for perjury was contemplated. (Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, December 3, 1948, Re: Whittaker Chambers; Perjury)

In a memorandum dated December 3, 1948 from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd it was stated that at 4:00 P.M., that date, ASAC Lally of the Baltimore Office telephoned and stated that Mr. Cleveland, the attorney for Chambers, had gotten in touch with the office with reference to the interview to be had with Chambers beginning at 4:00 P.M. and said he had learned from Chambers that he, Chambers, had been called down the previous day before the House Un-American Activities Committee and at that time he was served a subpoena duces tecum, returnable December 17, 1948. Chambers was told to bring down all documents in his possession believed to be pertinent to the Hiss controversy. He also stated that Mr. Cleveland had indicated doubt as to the interview with Chambers. He stated, in view of this subpoena and in view of the fact that the Attorney General had not given him any advice, he wanted some questions answered prior to the interview. Mr. Lally stated that SA F. L. Jones, together with another agent of the Baltimore Office, had proceeded to Mr. Cleveland's Office to find out what questions he had. Mr. Lally stated that these agents had been instructed to find out what the questions were and not to supply any answer if there was any question of policy involved. (Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, December 3, 1948, Re: Whittaker Chambers, Perjury; Internal Security - R)

In a memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd dated December 3, 1948, Mr. Fletcher stated that Supervisor Kenneth Delavigne of the Washington Field Office appeared at the Bureau at 4:50 P.M. that date and delivered photostatic copies of certain documents obtained from Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department in connection with this case.

Mr. Delavigne explained that an agent of the Washington Field Office had called on Mr. Neal after he had advised that in view of the article which appeared in the morning's issue of the "Washington Times-Herald" of that date he was afraid that the State Department might "freeze" all documents in this case. Mr. Neal made available to the Washington Field Office certain documents on condition that they be returned to him before the close of business that date. Those documents were photostated and the original material was returned to Mr. Neal for his files.

Mr. Delavigne explained that according to Mr. Neal the search was continuing and, of course, it was entirely possible that the State Department would not take any action, but just in case a "freeze" was put on, Mr. Neal wanted the Bureau to have the benefit of the search made thus far by him of the State Department records. (Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, December 3, 1948, Re: Whittaker Chambers, Perjury; Internal Security - R)

The Washington Field Office advised the Bureau by teletype on December 3, 1948 that Mr. Jack Neal of the State Department on that date furnished photostatic copies of reports, messages, and cablegrams which approximated fifty per cent of the material he agreed to furnish that office on December 2, 1948. It was stated that these reports, messages, and cablegrams were reviewed by the Washington Field Office and appeared to be official State Department documents from which the material obtained by the Baltimore Office had been paraphrased. It was stated that Mr. Neal advised that a diligent, expeditious search was being continued in order that the remaining documents might be properly identified. It was again stated that Mr. Neal believed that all documents would be identified by Wednesday, December 8, 1948, unless unforeseen difficulties presented themselves. It was further stated that the investigation requested by the Bureau in the letter dated December 1, 1948 would be completed with Mr. Neal's cooperation by Wednesday, December 8, 1948. (Teletype from Washington Field Office to Bureau, Re: Whittaker Chambers, Perjury; Internal Security - R)

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According to a memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd dated December 4, 1948 it was stated that at 7:40 P.M., December 3, 1948 ASAC Lally of the Baltimore Office telephonically advised Mr. Fletcher that Whittaker Chambers was at that time being interviewed in the Baltimore Office. He informed that Chambers had already advised the agents that he had been before the House Un-American Activities Committee, Washington, on the previous day and he had furnished to the Committee strips of developed micro-film and three rolls of undeveloped film. He stated the documents pictured on the film were furnished to him either by Hiss or one Julian Wadleigh, formerly with the State Department in the Trade Agreement Section. He stated that the film had been taken by a man known to him as "Felix" and that the pictures were taken over ten years ago.

Mr. Lally advised that Chambers had also furnished to the agents four pieces of paper containing about six pages of handwritten material which he stated he obtained from Harry Dexter White, and that this material is of the same character as the documents previously recovered in this case. Mr. Lally stated that Chambers claimed that he has no more documents.

The memorandum goes on to state that Mr. Cleveland, attorney for Chambers, also advised that Mr. Stripling of the House Un-American Activities Committee was told by Cleveland that a number of documents were turned over to the Attorney General. Mr. Cleveland also had been served with a subpoena to appear before the House Un-American Activities Committee, returnable forthwith, but he had arranged to delay his appearance for a few days.

Mr. Lally advised that Mr. Marbury, attorney for Hiss, had indicated that he intended to make a press release, having in mind a release of the Attorney General. The Marbury release will be to the effect that Hiss will cooperate fully with the government.

Mr. Fletcher's memorandum stated that Mr. Cleveland also talked with Mr. Alexander Campbell of the Department, apparently trying to find out the significance of the developments and Mr. Cleveland stated that Mr. Campbell had said that "no holds were barred" and "let the chips fall where they may."

At 9:15 P.M. on the same date Mr. Fletcher telephoned ASAC Lally in Baltimore and told him that it could be expected that the U. S. Marshal would serve a subpoena on Chambers at the Baltimore Office. He said it could be expected that Chambers would be there at least one hour which would be sufficient time for the Marshal to serve him. At 10:30 P.M. Mr. Lally called Mr. Fletcher, stating that Chambers had been served with a subpoena calling for his appearance before the Grand Jury at New York, Tuesday, December 7, 1948 but that the Marshal was coming back again to serve another subpoena which would call for the appearance of Chambers on Monday, December 6, 1948.

At 9:30 A.M. December 4, 1948 SAC McFarlin advised Mr. Fletcher that Alger Hiss would be at the Baltimore Office for an interview at 10:00 A.M. that date and Mr. Fletcher instructed him that the questioning of Hiss should be confined to the contents of the transcript and the related documents. At that time authority was granted to have the Marshal serve Hiss with a subpoena in the same manner that Chambers had been served. (Memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to Mr. Ladd, December 4, 1948, Re: Whittaker Chambers; Perjury)

In accordance with Departmental instructions, Alger Hiss was interviewed by agents of the Baltimore Office on December 4, 1948.

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The foregoing is submitted for your information.

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SEATTLE INFORMANT ADVISED IN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT THAT
DEAN GRISWOLD OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, IN DISCUSSION WITH INFORMANT,
BROUGHT UP THE CASE OF ALGER HISS, STATING THAT HISS WAS A HARVARD
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SAID HE KNOWS DOCTOR HARLOW SHAPLEY, AND THAT HE IS A PERSONAL FRIEND
FOR WHOM HE HAS GREAT ESTEEM. INFORMANT FURTHER STATES THAT DEAN
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HIM WHETHER EPSTEIN WAS A COMMUNIST. IN VIEW OF DEAN GRISWOLD'S
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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ESP - R. GEORGE HEWITT, AKA TIM HOLMES, FORMER NY STATE CP FUNCTIONARY FURNISHED SIGNED STATEMENTS TODAY THAT IN LATE THIRTY SEVEN OR EARLY THIRTY EIGHT HE ATTENDED A MEETING OF THE NATIONAL BUREAU OF CP HELD TO DISCUSS WEST INDIAN INFILTRATION AND NEGRO AFFAIRS. MEETING ATTENDED BY STATE AND NATIONAL CP FIGURES AND TWO MEN HE NOW RECOGNIZES AS ALGER AND DONALD HISS. THAT ABOUT NINETEEN FORTY HE SAW THEM AT WASH, DC AT A MEETING OF NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS. FURTHER ABOUT THIRTY EIGHT WHILE HE WAS DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE FROM NY STATE PARTY TO ERIE COUNTY ORGANIZATION OF CP HE WAS APPROACHED IN NYC BY JACK STACHEL AND MAX STEINBERG, STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICERS TO CARRY ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BUFFALO CONRADES CONCERNING QUOTE A SERIOUS ORGANIZATION JOB END QUOTE TO BE PERFORMED BY THEM ON A PERSON REPORTED TO BE AN FBI OR POLICE AGENT OPERATING WITHIN PARTY. THEY DISPLAYED PHOTO OF THIS PERSON WHO WAS UNKNOWN TO HIM BUT WHOM HE KNOWS TO BE WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

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MAY BE DISAFFECTED AND WILLING TO PROVIDE INFORMATION RE KNOWLEDGE OF INCIDENT AND ACTIVITY OF CHAMBERS. BUREAU WILL CONSIDER ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEW. BUFFALO WILL REVIEW FILES TO FULLY IDENTIFY WRIGHT DESCRIBED AS DARK SKINNED NEGRO, AGE LATE FORTIES, SIX FEET, THIN, GREYISH EYES, SLIGHTLY PROTRUDING TEETH, AND ADVISE OF ANY KNOWN REASONS WHY WRIGHT SHOULD NOT BE INTERVIEWED AND FOLLOW BUREAU REGARDS IN MATTER.

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cc: Mr. Ladd
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 29, 1948

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In the course of the investigation of the above-captioned case it was believed desirable to contact Timothy Hobson, stepson of Alger Hiss, and Horace W. Schmah, a private investigator for Mr. Edward C. McLean, attorney for Alger Hiss, for information pertaining to the location of the Woodstock typewriter and additional specimens.

On December 27, 1948, the New York Office advised that Mr. T. J. Donagan preferred that the proposed interviews with Schmah and Timothy Hobson be held in abeyance at this time; that such interviews would have to be arranged through Attorney McLean and that the statements of Alger Hiss to the Special Agents of the Baltimore Office in Baltimore that the typewriter was disposed of subsequent to 1938 may be recalled. Mr. Donagan feels that this is a very strong point and disputes the testimony of Alger Hiss before the Grand Jury. Mr. Donagan further stated that since all of these people were previously interviewed, little results of value would be obtained and that the Government's position may be damaged by such interviews at this time.

In view of the request of Mr. Donagan, Timothy Hobson and Horace W. Schmah will not be contacted.

cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
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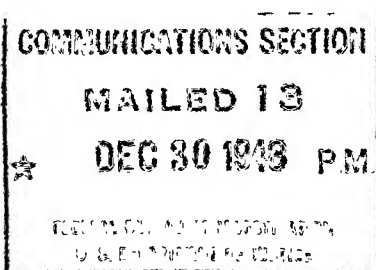
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SAC, Washington Field

Re: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS,
with aliases;
ALGER HISS
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(Your file #74-94)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Laboratory Report D-89216 BU dated 12-23-48, in connection with the above-entitled matter, a copy of which was forwarded to your office.

There are being transmitted herewith the following specimens, appropriate copies of the same having been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD *DL*

FROM : MR. H. B. FLETCHER *HBF*

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.
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At 9:15 A.M. today I talked with ASAC Belmont concerning a suggestion of his that it might be possible to identify the camera of Felix August Inslerman with the film recovered by the HUAC. I told him that I did not know whether this could be done but I would check with the Technical Laboratory. I immediately checked with Assistant Director Harbo who advised me that there was a possibility of identification. I then returned the call to Mr. Belmont and advised him that it appeared to be highly desirable to obtain the camera of Inslerman. He stated he would be in touch with the Albany Office.

At 2:30 P.M. I talked with ASAC Belmont and told him that the Laboratory examination reflected that the film which had been recovered from Inslerman had been taken through the use of two different cameras. I asked whether he had been in touch with the Albany Office. He stated yes but he would relay this information on to the Albany Office.

At 4:00 P.M. SAC Cornelius phoned in and stated that it had been ascertained that Inslerman had gone to New York City on Sunday and that his wife had gone to New York City yesterday. The house was presently occupied by a neighbor in the absence of the Inslermans and she did not know their address in New York. It was also known that a young girl, Joan Maroni, had been staying with the Inslermans, who apparently had sponsored her in connection with a newspaper health fund. She was from New York and this young girl had also returned to New York City with Mrs. Inslerman. There is a possibility that the Inslerman's present address can be obtained through this girl though she is very immature. The woman now occupying the Inslerman home expects a call from Inslerman tomorrow and the question was raised as to what should be done at this time to secure the cameras from Inslerman. I instructed that they make efforts to locate Inslerman in New York City and that to assist in his location that arrangements be made with the woman occupying the residence to inform Inslerman that the Bureau would like to reach him and that for that purpose, if he did not feel free to furnish his address, he should get in touch with Mr. Belmont in New York City so that he could be questioned concerning his cameras so they could be both obtained either through his permission in writing or, if necessary, by search warrant. I also told Mr. Cornelius that he should discuss this matter with Mr. Belmont, who should discuss with Mr. Donegan whether it would be advisable at this time to obtain a search warrant for the purpose of trying to locate the cameras of Inslerman at his residence.

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WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, IS-R. T.J. DONEGAN FURNISHED FOLLOWING
ACCOUNT OF GJ PROCEEDINGS INSTANT DATE. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ALGER HISS

HENRY H. COLLINS, JR., AND CHAMBERS ALL APPEARED BEFORE GJ VERY BRIEFLY
AND WILL RETURN TOMMORROW. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DESCRIBED BY DONEGAN AS VERY CAGEY WITNESS, [REDACTED]

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ADDITIONAL MATERIAL IN CHAMBERS POSSESSION. THIS CONVERSATION APPARENTLY ANTEDATED SERVICE OF SUBPOENA BY HCUA DEC SECOND. NATHAN L. LEVINE AND A. GEORGE SILVERMAN DID NOT TESTIFY TODAY AND WERE EXCUSED UNTIL DEC SEVENTH. THIS PM L. E. THOMPSON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, EUROPEAN DIVISION, DEPT OF STATE, EXAMINED IN DONEGAN-S OFFICE COPIES OF MATERIAL CHAMBERS PRODUCED AT PRETRAIL EXAMINATIONS AND ALSO PRINTS OF FILM SECURED FROM CHAMBERS DEC SECOND LAST. THOMPSON COMMENTED TO DONEGAN THERE WAS NOTHING PARTICULARLY EMBARRASSING IN FIRST GROUP AND THAT THEY APPARENTLY WERE COPIES OF STATE DEPT MATERIAL. HE STATED, HOWEVER, MUCH OF MATERIAL LOCATED DEC SECOND WAS TOP SECRET AND WOULD HAVE CARRIED SUCH A DESIGNATION IF ONE HAD BEEN IN USE BY STATE DEPT DURING PERTINENT PERIOD, BUT AT LEAST THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL THEN. HE MENTIONED ONE DOCUMENT PARTICULARLY MIGHT CAUSE SOME EMBARRASSMENT IF PUBLICIZED INASMUCH AS IT INDICATED CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO REPROACHMENT BETWEEN US AND GERMANY ON ECONOMIC BASIS. DONEGAN STATES HE RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL TODAY FROM PEYTON FORD OF DEPT ADVISING HIM THOMPSON WAS PROCEEDING NYC AND WOULD CONTACT HIM THROUGH USA MC GOHEY. SUBPOENAS ISSUED TODAY FOR GJ APPEARANCE DEC EIGHT ON DONAL HISS AND HENRY JULIAN WADLEIGH. AT FOUR FORTY PM TODAY DONEGAN RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM

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PATHE NEWS ASKING LOCATION OF HCUA HEARING TO BE HELD NYC THIS EVEINGG.
PATHE NEWS DECLARED STRIPLING HAD ALREADY GIVEN PERMISSION FOR MOVIES
TO BE TAKEN OF PROCEEDINGS. THIS OFFICE HAS NO FURTHER INFORMATION RE
ALLEGED SESSION OF HCUA HERE. MRS. ALGER HISS INTERVIEWED IN NYO THIS
AFTERNOON IN PRESENCE OF HER ATTORNEY, MR. EDWARD C. MC LEAN. MRS. HISS
STATED IN SUBSTANCE INFORMATION WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN STATED BY
ALGAR HISS AT TIME OF HIS INTERVIEW IN BALTIMORE ON DEC FOURTH LAST.
SHE ADMITTED KNOWING WHITTAKER CHAMERS AS GEORGE CROSLY. STATED SHE
HAS NOT SEEN HIM SINCE NINETEEN THIRTY SIX, AS FAR AS SHE CAN RECALL.
IS ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN ALLL INFORMATION RE TYPEWRITER WHICH WAS IN
HER POSSESSION AND ATTORNEY OFFERED TO FURNISH THIS OFFICE WITH ANY
SPECIMENS OR OTHER INFORMATION THAT HE MAY COME INTO CONCERNING THE TYPE-
WRITER. MRS HISS DENIED THAT SHE HAD EVER TYPED ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH
WERE IN ALGER HISS- POSSESSION. STATED SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY DOCU-
MENT HE MAY HAVE BROUGHT HOME.

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YES THNX

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
PERJURY; INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 21, 1948

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This is to advise of recent information received in confidence from LOUIS A. RUSSELL, an investigator for the HCUA.

In connection with the HCUA's having received from the above captioned person certain information contained on microfilm, RUSSELL advised that the first inkling the Committee had that CHAMBERS possessed documents to substantiate his charges against ALGER HISS was when an investigator named BOZANI, who had been hired by Time Magazine in behalf of CHAMBERS, had contacted the Committee sometime in November, 1948. BOZANI explained that he was trying to locate a letter which HISS was alleged to have written to a real estate firm and which letter had appeared in a Baltimore newspaper. BOZANI at that time did not explain why he wanted this letter but explained that it might "break" the case.

Subsequently, some time near the end of November, 1948, BOZANI again contacted the Committee and explained to them that CHAMBERS possessed documentary evidence which was being produced in pre-trial action on the libel suit against him by ALGER HISS. As a result of this information, the HCUA issued a subpoena for CHAMBERS' lawyer in Baltimore, Maryland, named CLEVELAND, who explained to the Committee that the documents were in the possession of the Court and could only be received with permission of the Court. It was RUSSELL's opinion that neither BOZANI nor CLEVELAND knew that CHAMBERS possessed the microfilm.

RUSSELL stated that on December 2, 1948, CHAMBERS came to Washington to appear before a State Department Loyalty Hearing concerning RICHARD HOWELL POST and was served with a subpoena by the HCUA. RUSSELL explained that the HCUA was only operating on a "hunch" that CHAMBERS might have additional information.

Upon questioning by the HCUA, CHAMBERS admitted he did possess additional material but did not explain the nature of the material. As a result, two investigators of the HCUA accompanied CHAMBERS to his home and received the microfilm.

As to CHAMBERS' reason for not furnishing the material to the Federal Grand Jury when he was questioned, CHAMBERS, according to RUSSELL, claimed that he felt that it was the intention of the Grand Jury to indict him rather than HISS and that CHAMBERS realized that HISS intended to sue him for libel. He could not produce documentary proof of his statements before the HCUA and he had held back the information feeling it was protection for him. Then, when in fact, HISS did bring a libel suit against him, CHAMBERS produced some of the material in his possession in pre-trial action.

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With regards to CHAMBERS' subsequent action in furnishing more material to the HCUA, RUSSELL stated that it was CHAMBERS' feeling that the HCUA was friendly towards him and by furnishing the HCUA the material he enhanced his chances of escaping from a perjury indictment because of the ensuing developments and publicity.

With regards to the HCUA's efforts to locate the typewriter or specimens which would establish that HISS had prepared certain of the documents turned over by CHAMBERS, it was learned the only investigation being conducted by the HCUA at the present time was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where efforts were made to secure specimens emanating from the firm of Mrs. HISS' father in that city.

The only future plans of the HCUA, according to RUSSELL, are executive hearings on December 22, 1948, at which time FRANCES B. SAYRE and ANNA BELLE NELSON would appear. The work of the Committee would then be completed for this session except for preparing a final report.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL; PERJURY, ESPIONAGE-R.
RE WFO LETTER TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER TWENTY-THIRD LAST.
BALTIMORE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW MRS. TEMPLE JOYCE
AND MRS. POLLY FINGLEMAN MCGILL FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING
COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES OF ALGER HISS. SUPTEL NY AND BUREAU.

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FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: J. D. WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was;
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 PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R;
 INTERNAL SECURITY - R

DATE: December 23, 1948

On December 13, 1948, Lt. Colonel HUGH G. STARK, TC, USA, Chief, CI Branch, G-2, confidentially advised this office as follows.

On December 6, 1948, Mr. LANDRA BEACH PLATT, President of the Stone Straw Company, Washington, D. C., volunteered the following information. Mr. and Mrs. TEMPLE JOYCE, friends of Mr. PLATT, are personally acquainted with ALGER HISS who is currently being investigated by a Congressional Committee for alleged Communist activities. Mrs. JOYCE has stated to Mr. PLATT that she has been present at social gatherings and has heard HISS eulogize the cause of Communism. Mrs. JOYCE is reported to reside approximately three miles from Annapolis, Maryland, on Joyce Lane. Mr. JOYCE is reported to be president of the Wing Engineering Company, Baltimore, Maryland.

The Baltimore Office should give consideration to interviewing Mr. and Mrs. TEMPLE JOYCE in reference to this allegation.

On December 22, 1948, Lt. Colonel STARK furnished the following additional information.

Mr. LANDRA BEACH PLATT, who furnished the information previously forwarded your office, has supplied the following additional information.

One Mrs. POLLY MCGILL, formerly Mrs. ENGLEMAN, is the former wife of SLIM ENGLEMAN, and is presently located at the Blue Tavern Cafe, Annapolis, Maryland. SLIM ENGLEMAN is reported to have deserted his wife to associate with a girl believed to be the head of a local chapter of the Communist Party. The name of this girl is not known. SLIM ENGLEMAN and ALGER HISS are reported to have been close personal friends in the 1930's and Mrs. POLLY ENGLEMAN MCGILL has considerable knowledge of the alleged Communistic activities of HISS through his association with her former husband.

Mr. LANDRA BEACH PLATT has requested that his name not be used in connection with this matter, and is extremely desirous of avoiding any publicity in connection with such action as may be initiated as a result of information furnished by him.

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TO : HBF

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FROM : JEM

SUBJECT: CHAMBERS CASE

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AAG Alex M Campbell called. He said that he had just received information from Mr. Dean Schedler of the Department to the effect that Laurence Duggan, one of the former State Department employees interviewed in connection with this case had committed suicide by jumping out of a window in New York. He wanted to know if Duggan had been subpoenaed before the grand jury in New York. I told him that he had been interviewed, but I didn't know whether he had been subpoenaed, but would check and call him back. After calling Mr. Ladd and Supervisor F.L. Jones I called the New York office and talked to Night Supervisor Albert G McGrath. I asked him to have Mr. Belmont check with Mr. Donegan and then advise me concerning the matter.

A 10:47 Mr. Belmont called and said that while Duggan had been interviewed by the Agents at his home in Scarsdale, New York he had not been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury according to Mr. Donegan. When we interviewed Duggan there was nothing to indicate that he was suicide bent. There was some indication however that he might be subpoenaed to testify before the HUAC. This may have provided a motive for his action.

After advising Mr. Ladd of the foregoing, pursuant to his request, I attempted to call Mr. Campbell at his office, where he said he would be, and at his home with negative results. I left word for him at his home to call me, but he had not called at the time I left for home.

In addition to the foregoing I advised Mr. Nichols concerning Duggan's demise.

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TO : Mr. Tolson *Wm*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

SUBJECT:

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For record purposes, Peyton Ford advised me on December 15, in view of comments made by Congressmen Nixon and Mundt he thought it would be very well for the Bureau to issue a statement not only thanking Nixon and Mundt for their commendatory references to the Bureau but to commend the attorney who presented the case to the grand jury in New York.

I told Mr. Ford the Bureau had been strictly adhering to a no comment policy, that it would appear to be inappropriate for us to make any comment, that any comment to be made should be made by the Attorney General as head of the Department. He asked that I take the matter up with the Director. I subsequently advised him I had discussed the matter with the Director and in addition to the observations previously made to him the Director had informed me that the Attorney General had specifically advised him the Bureau was to make no statement and that the Director was of the opinion any statement should be made by the Attorney General.

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cc: Mr.
Mr.
Mr. Parrish

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 22, 1948

DIRECTOR, FBI

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Reference is made to the telephone call from the Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell, advising that he had just received information that Laurence Duggan, one of the former State Department employees interviewed in connection with this case, had committed suicide by jumping out of a window in New York. Inquiry was made as to whether Duggan had been subpoenaed by the Grand Jury in New York.

The New York Division has advised that while Duggan had been interviewed at his home in Scarsdale, New York, he had not been subpoenaed to appear before the Grand Jury. At the time of the interview there was nothing to indicate that Duggan was inclined towards suicide; however, there was some indication that he might be subpoenaed to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee and this might have provided a motive for his action.

The following is for your information concerning Laurence Duggan.

As you have been previously advised, Whittaker Chambers furnished to agents of the New York Division information to the effect that Laurence Duggan, former chief of the Latin American Section of the Department of State, was not a party member and was not connected with the Communist Underground Group. Chambers indicated that Duggan was presumably with the OGPU because of his contacts with Hedi Gumpers (Hedi Massing), whom he knew to be a Communist Party member.

In connection with Hedi Gumpers, at the conclusion of the investigation concerning her, she was interviewed and at that time she stated to the best of her knowledge Duggan was not a member of the Communist Party nor an agent of the OGPU. She stated that she had attempted to recruit Duggan into the Soviet Intelligence Service but had been unsuccessful.

Laurence Duggan was interviewed on December 10, 1948, by agents of the New York Division. At that time he advised that he is now the Director of the Institute of International Education in New York City and that he resides in Scarsdale, New York. The interview was conducted at Duggan's residence. Duggan advised that he knew Alger Hiss fairly well from about 1934 to 1940, but that he had never worked in the same section with Hiss, although both of them were employed in the State Department. He advised that he did not know Hiss as a Communist.

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nor as a member of a Communist Party front and stated that he had never been approached by Hiss for the purpose of giving information. Duggan stated that he did not know nor suspect that Alger Hiss was ever engaged in Soviet Espionage and he claimed that he was never approached by Alger Hiss to work in the interest of the Soviets or the Communist International. He also stated that he knew Donald Hiss but had never been approached by him nor did he know that Donald Hiss was a Communist Party member or a member of a Communist Party front. Duggan stated that he knew Noel Field, a former State Department employee, very well, both as a co-worker and a neighbor since they lived in the same apartment house from 1933 to 1935. He claimed that he was never approached by Noel Field to work for the Soviets nor the Communist International and he stated that he never suspected that Field was in this business.

Laurence Duggan advised that he thought he had met Hedi Massing as Hedi Gumperz but could not recall the circumstances and he indicated that this meeting may have been through Noel Field. He denied that Hedi Massing ever propositioned him or said anything that he recognized as a request for him to cooperate with either the Soviet or Communist International work. In regard to a statement made by Hedi Massing when interviewed by the New York Division that Duggan agreed to see her superior, Boris, Duggan stated that he had never gone anywhere at Hedi Massing's request nor had he ever met anyone at her instigation. Duggan could not recall the exact time when Hedi Massing went to his house in 1938. He denied that he had ever been a member of the Communist Party or any Communist Party front organizations or that he ever did any work on behalf of the Communist International or the Soviets or any other foreign power. He did, however, recall that he was approached by two individuals to furnish information for the use of the Soviets or Communist International when he was employed by the State Department. Duggan advised that one of these persons was Frederick Vanderbilt Field, who resides in New York, a wealthy individual who has been known to make contributions to the Communist Party. Duggan stated that Frederick Vanderbilt Field was a classmate of his at Harvard University and that he recalled that Field approached him for this information sometime in the years 1936 or 1937. He could not recall the words used by Field in this connection but there was no question in his mind as to the meaning of Field's words and Duggan stated that he turned him down. On the second occasion, Duggan stated that he was approached by Henry Collins, an individual who has been mentioned by Whittaker Chambers as a member of the Harold Ware Group, an underground party apparatus, whom he knew socially from about 1934. About June, 1938, he had lunch with Collins and at that time Collins requested him to furnish information. Duggan stated that he could not recall the words of Collins but the obvious import was that he wanted information furnished to the Soviets. Duggan stated that he also turned Collins down.

The photographs of Elizabeth Bentley, Anatoli Gromov, Vassili Dubilin, Pavel Klarin, Millic Brandes, Charles Alkin, Bernard Ledmont, William Ludwig Ullmann, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, and Paul Massing were exhibited to Duggan who was unable to recognize any of them.

Duggan advised that he did not know Whittaker Chambers but that he did know Henry Julian Wadleigh as a co-worker in the State Department. He stated, however, that he did not know Wadleigh as a member of any Communist Party front, as a Communist, or as a person engaged in Soviet Espionage. The name of Harold Wilson was not known to Duggan.

During the interview with Hedi Massing on December 7 and 8, 1948, by agents of the New York Division, she stated that about the time she was endeavoring to get Noel Field to cooperate with her in Communist Intelligence work she was also working on Laurence Duggan, a State Department employee and close associate of Alger Hiss, for the same purpose. She stated that Duggan resisted her but eventually agreed to see her Soviet superior, Boris. She stated that Boris later told her that Duggan was difficult and suggested that she might have to see him again. She advised that she never did see Duggan again. Massing related that she always liked Duggan and respected him and when she broke with the Russians in 1938, she went to Washington to see him and tell him she was through since she felt responsible for him. She stated that she did not get to see Duggan but saw his wife and received a cool reception. Massing advised that she has not seen Duggan since 1935 or 1936. She stated that she had held back the above information concerning Duggan when interviewed recently because she was sure that he had never engaged in this work and that if he had, she felt quite sure he was out of it by 1938.

As additional pertinent information in this case becomes available to this Bureau, it will be promptly furnished to you.

cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

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Director, FBI

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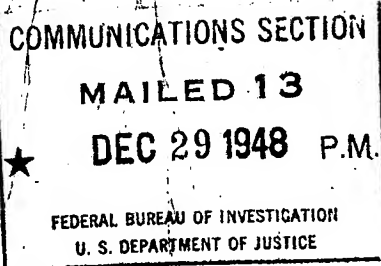
There is transmitted herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly dated December 23, 1948 at New York. This is for your additional information and to assist you in your reinterview of Phil Reno.

It is noted that the text of the signed statement which was furnished to the New York Division by Phil Reno on December 13, 1948, begins on page 68 of instant report.

The Bureau and the New York Division should be promptly advised of the results of the interviews with Phil Reno and William Archibald Murphy.

Enclosure

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WA. ALGER HISS, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE R.
RETEL DENVER, EL PASO, DATED DECEMBER TWENTY LAST. DANIEL T. VALDES,
CO-WORKER WITH PHIL RENO IN WAR LABOR BOARD, NINTH REGIONAL AREA,
DENVER, COLORADO, NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO NINETEEN FORTY FOUR, ADMITS
THAT HE KNOWS PHIL RENO AND THAT HE BELIEVES RENO TO BE A MEMBER OF THE
CP BUT HAS NO DEFINITE EVIDENCE OF RENO-S CP MEMBERSHIP. VALDES STATES
RENO INTRODUCED HIM IN EARLY PART OF NINETEEN FORTY TWO TO ONE WILLIAM
MC MURPHY IN DENVER WHO APPROACHED VALDES IMMEDIATELY TO JOIN COMMUNIST
PARTY. VALDES STATED RENO-S ASSOCIATION WITH MC MURPHY, WHO VALDES LATER
LEARNED WAS THE CP ORGANIZER IN COLORADO OR MONTANA, AND RENO-S INTRO-
DUCTION OF VALDES TO MC MURPHY AND RENO-S QUOTE LEFT WING THINKING
UNQUOTE, WERE THE THINGS THAT LEAD HIM TO BELIEVE THAT RENO WAS A MEMBER
OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. VALDES CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE OF RENO-S FURNISHING
INFORMATION TO ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS IN ANY WAY AND HAS NO KNOWLEDGE
OF RENO-S REMOVING ANY DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCY,
TO FURNISH SAME TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. SIGNED STATEMENT OBTAINED FROM
VALDES RE ABOVE. IN STATEMENT VALDES ALSO ADVISES HE HAS NEVER BEEN A
MEMBER OF THE CP. VALDES DENIES KNOWING ANY RELATIVES OF RENO OTHER
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TO REINTERVIEW PHIL RENO AND WILLIAM ARCHIBALD MC MURPHY. [INTERVIEW
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CP APPARATUS WHILE IN WASHINGTON AND INTERVIEW WITH MC MURPHY TO BE
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TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE: December 23, 1948

FROM : MR. D. M. LADD

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The Attorney General called me about 9:55 AM and referred to the press stories with reference to the death of Laurence Duggan. He stated that he did not want any press stories put out without first checking with him. He inquired as to whether the Bureau had issued any press stories concerning the Bureau's interview with Duggan. I advised him that the Bureau had not. He stated that he would like to have the facts with reference to the Bureau's interview with Duggan, and I briefly advised him that Duggan had been interviewed because information had been received to the effect that Henry Collins and Frederick Field had endeavored to recruit Duggan but that it was not known whether Duggan had cooperated, and when Duggan was interviewed he admitted he had been contacted by these two but stated he had not agreed to cooperate with them at all.

The Attorney General then stated, "Any S.O.B. that gives Congressman Mundt any information gets his ass kicked out of this building." The Attorney General stated that he had seen Congressman Mundt at the radio station last night and Mundt had implied he had all the information that the FBI had developed, indicating that he was receiving it "under the table." I informed the Attorney General that the Bureau was not furnishing any information to the Committee.

The Attorney General then stated, "I want you to get word around that anyone giving information to the Committee is out - O-U-T."

The Attorney General stated he would like to see the information concerning the interview with Duggan.

A memorandum was furnished to the Attorney General under date of December 22nd relative to this matter. I checked immediately after the Attorney General called and verified that it had gone to his office at 9:00 AM on the morning of December 23rd.

The Attorney General stated that this was not treating the House Un-American Committee any differently from any other Congressional Committee, that the same rule applied to all Committees.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS.; ALGER HISS, ET AL. PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R.
REURTEL TODAY REGARDING INTERVIEW WITH CYNTHIA ARDEN JONES, SISTER-IN-LAW OF
DONALD HISS. REINTERVIEW JONES FOR TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS, NAMES OF FRIENDS
AND RELATIVES, BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE, OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS WHO MAY HAVE
SPECIMENS OR INFORMATION ABOUT TYPEWRITER.

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TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: December 31, 1948

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W. Pitt Rivers Chambers

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I called Stripling of the Un-American Activities Committee to request copies of the reports that were issued to the press for publication this morning. He is sending mimeographed copies out and stated printed copies would not be available until next week since they are reproducing all of the documents.

I then asked for copies of the latest booklet, "Communism and Labor." He is getting us copies of it and said that there is another one coming out for release Sunday entitled "Communism in Government," however, copies have not been prepared on this but he will get us copies as soon as they are available.

Stripling then volunteered the information that they had talked to Chambers again for five hours and were very much impressed with the way Chambers laid everything out on the line. I told him I had seen an item in the paper to this effect. He stated Chambers has given considerable more information than he has heretofore, that he, Stripling, is convinced Chambers has not told everything yet.

With reference to Larry Duggan, Stripling volunteered the information Chambers now says that he sent Frederick Vanderbilt Field to see Duggan and enlist Duggan's aid. Field came down from New York and returned to New York and reported to Chambers that Duggan had told Field he was tied up with another apparatus. This, of course, is the first time we knew Chambers was the individual who sent Field to see Duggan.

Chambers further stated that he was very much impressed with the interest that Adolph Berle manifested in his story on September 2, that Berle took approximately two pages of notes and that he went back to his office in Time Magazine and expected the FBI to show up the following day, and when the FBI did not show up he said he was the most disappointed man on earth; that some years later when the FBI did come to him two Agents talked to him in general terms, primarily about the late General Kravitsky, that it was suggested by intimation that possibly Chambers had heard from Kravitsky and when the Agents left one of them made the observation that, "You (Chambers) interest me greatly."

Stripling stated that Berle says that after receiving the information from Chambers he got in touch with the FBI about setting up a counter intelligence unit in the State Department. Stripling inquired if we had ever interviewed Ed Tamm because he had been told that Berle was very close to Tamm. I told Stripling that there was nothing in our files which would indicate that Berle had ever conveyed this information to Mr. Tamm.

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December 31, 1948

Stripling further stated that Chambers' stories on Harry Dexter White intrigued him immensely, that White's material went to Chambers via Frank Coe and this recalled to Stripling that last summer when Chambers made his allegations White and Frank Coe did not ask to be heard until ten days after the original allegations were made and after Alger Hiss appeared before the Committee and everybody thought he had gotten away with his denials.

I asked Stripling if he had a transcript of the testimony. He said that he did not have one but that Congressmen Mundt and Nixon did have and he felt sure they would be happy to give us a copy if we wanted to call them. I told him that I doubted that I should call them about it now as probably if they had anything of value they would want to communicate it to us. He says there is considerable in that testimony about the self-sealing gas tank that the Navy developed, that ONI had tried to get a copy of the Chambers transcript this morning but had been denied this by Mundt and Nixon.

The thought occurs to me that since Mundt has given a statement to the press we ought to protect ourselves by making a perfunctory inquiry of both Mundt and Nixon for a copy of the transcript. It would further protect us in that we can find out what he said to the Committee and can also talk to Chambers further.

While talking to Frank Waldrop on other things, he stated that he was called down by the Un-American Activities Committee yesterday around 4 o'clock to review their proposed report. He said it was hopeless and they asked him to put it in final shape and he, accordingly, rewrote it and edited it. He said that he is convinced that Chambers has not told everything as yet and from what he has seen he is willing to wager that Elizabeth Bentley has not told everything. We do know the Committee indicated they were having the Bentley woman back recently. The thought occurs to me that it might not be a waste of time to have Bentley completely re-interviewed even if it would take a couple of weeks to do it.

cc: Mr. Ladd

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hadd agrees. 2 pages. Advise Dept once. N.

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if Donegan
sees no
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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 31, 1948

Director, FBI

I have noted from the press that the House Committee on Un-American Activities recalled Whittaker Chambers, who testified before them at some length during this week. I would suggest that the Department might desire to secure from the Committee a copy of the transcript of Whittaker Chambers' testimony on this occasion in order that it might be checked to determine whether he has given them any new information not previously furnished by him to either the Federal Grand Jury in New York or to this Bureau on the occasion of interviews with him.

In the event you secure a copy of this transcript, I would appreciate receiving a copy of it for appropriate review.

cc - Assistant Attorney General
Alexander M. Campbell,
Criminal Division

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Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
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December 30, 1948

Director, FBI

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS;
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you on December 22, 1948, transmitting copies of investigative reports in connection with this case. Copies of the following additional reports are being transmitted herewith:

Report of Special Agent James L. Kirkland dated December 17, 1948, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Report of Special Agent Harold B. Ross dated December 21, 1948, at Albany, New York

Report of Special Agent Clark R. Lovrien dated December 21, 1948, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Report of Special Agent Frederick M. Connors dated December 22, 1948, at Boston, Massachusetts

Report of Special Agent Hubert F. Small dated December 22, 1948, at St. Louis, Missouri

Report of Special Agent Paul R. Alker dated December 22, 1948, at Newark, New Jersey

Report of Special Agent Robert P. Lewis dated December 22, 1948, at Indianapolis, Indiana

Report of Special Agent J. Phillip Claridge dated December 22, 1948, at El Paso, Texas

Report of Special Agent Leonard M. Walters dated December 22, 1948, at Richmond, Virginia

Report of Special Agent John B. O'Donoghue dated December 22, 1948, at Cleveland, Ohio

Report of Special Agent Wesley A. Anderson dated December 23, 1948, at Chicago, Illinois

Report of Special Agent Robert K. McQueen dated December 23, 1948, at Washington, D.C.

Report of Special Agent Alexander P. LeGrand dated December 23, 1948, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Report of Special Agent Mahlon F. Collier dated December 23, 1948, at Detroit, Michigan

Report of Special Agent James L. Kirkland dated December 23, 1948, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly dated December 23, 1948, at New York, New York

Report of Special Agent Paul R. Alker dated December 23, 1948, at Newark, New Jersey

Report of Special Agent Frank G. Johnstone dated December 23, 1948, at Baltimore, Maryland

Report of Special Agent Edwin O. Johnson dated December 24, 1948, at Denver, Colorado

Report of Special Agent Lemuel W. Kerr dated December 24, 1948, at Norfolk, Virginia

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Report of Special Agent John P. Buscher dated December 24, 1948, at Washington,
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Report of Special Agent David E. Todd dated December 24, 1948, at San Francisco,
California
Report of Special Agent Alexander M. Neale dated December 27, 1948, at Washington,
D. C.
Report of Special Agent Robert W. McCaslin dated December 29, 1948, at Washington,
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Copies of these reports are being made available to Special Assistant to
the Attorney General T. J. Donegan by our New York Office.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. FLETCHER

DATE: December 20, 1948

FROM : V. P. KEAY *VPK*SUBJECT: GREGORY CASE
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With reference to the current investigation of Mr. Alger Hiss, Mr. Donald L. Nicholson, of the State Department, informed Mr. Roach on December 17, 1948 that he had received information from Mr. Reed Harris, Chief of the Communications Division of the State Department, that there was a man in Washington with the Eastman Kodak Company who controlled the rental of microfilm equipment in approximately 1938. This individual's name is Edward Nuce. Nuce is now allegedly with the Remington Rand people here in Washington.

Mr. Nicholson stated that he desired to pass this information on to the Bureau, believing that it may be of interest in connection with the Hiss case; that perhaps the Bureau may desire to check with Nuce for his knowledge concerning the renting of microfilm equipment or its possible release to Alger Hiss.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum be referred to the Espionage Section for its information.

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December 21, 1948

JAY DAVID WHITAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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This information was furnished by Mr. Nicholson with the belief that it may be of interest in connection with the Hiss case.

You are instructed to contact Mr. Edward Nuce for any information he may possess concerning the renting of microfilm equipment or its possible release to Alger Hiss.

cc - New York

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: December 13, 1948

FROM : SAC, Philadelphia

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was.
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

K35 There is enclosed herewith, a letter dated December 6, 1931, addressed "Dear Miss Hellings", and signed "Sincerely yours, Daisy Fansler".

DAISY FANSLER is the sister of PRISCILLA HISS. At the time the enclosed letter was prepared, Miss FANSLER was employed at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

The letter in question appears to have been written by Miss FANSLER at her home.

Information has been received from HARRY L. MARTIN, former partner of Miss FANSLER's father, THOMAS L. FANSLER, that upon his retirement from the FANSLER-MARTIN partnership, THOMAS FANSLER resided in an apartment in West Philadelphia and that his daughter, DAISY FANSLER, resided with him.

It is entirely possible, therefore, that the enclosed letter was prepared on the Woodstock typewriter which figures prominently in this case, since MARTIN has claimed that upon dissolution of the FANSLER-MARTIN partnership, THOMAS FANSLER took the Woodstock typewriter with him to his apartment.

The instant letter, therefore, should be compared with specimens WHITTAKER CHAMBERS claims were written on the typewriter in the apartment of ALGER HISS during 1937 or 1938.

In the event the Laboratory determines that the enclosed letter was prepared on the identical typewriter with the specimens submitted by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, it is suggested that the Bureau may want to advise the Norfolk Office to interview Miss DAISY FANSLER, 738 Ocean View, Norfolk, 3, Virginia. Miss FANSLER is now living in retirement at that address.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, ETAL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R
RALPH FANSLER, BROTHER OF FRISCILLA HISS BELIEVES TYPEWRITING SPECIMENS MIGHT BE
OBTAINED THROUGH THE FILLS OF THE ROSENTHAL CEMETERY, RAVENSWOOD PARK AVENUE AND
PETERSON, CHICAGO, WHERE THE FAMILY OWNS LOT THIRTEEN PLOT ONE HUNDRED TWELVE.
OBTAIN ANY SPECIMENS AND FORWARD BUREAU REGISTERED AMSD FOR EXAMINATION.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to: SAC, LOS ANGELES **URGENT**
JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS; ALGER HISS, ET AL; PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R.
REFER TO WFO TEL DECEMBER THIRTY-ONE, FORTY-EIGHT IN INSTANT CASE FOR BACKGROUND
INFORMATION. FOR YOUR FURTHER INFORMATION ALGER HISS HAS STATED THAT WOODSTOCK
TYPEWRITER WAS DISPOSED OF BY FRISCOLLA HISS SOMETIME SUBSEQUENT TO NINETEEN
THIRTY-EIGHT. THE BUREAU DESIRES TO LOCATE THE TYPEWRITER IN ADDITION TO
OBTAINING ANY CORRESPONDENCE PREPARED ON IT. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW
WILLIAM ROSEN WHO SUBMITTED CHANGE OF ADDRESS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., OCTOBER,
NINETEEN FORTY-EIGHT TO ONE THREE EIGHT SOUTH TENTH STREET, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA.
ROSEN, ACCORDING TO HIS SON, EUGENE, IN EASTON, IS NOW RESIDING CARE OF ANOTHER
SON, MILTON ROSEN, TWO ONE TWO NAUGHT C SEVENTEENTH STREET, SANTA MONICA,
CALIFORNIA. THE PURPOSE OF INTERVIEW IS TO DETERMINE IF WILLIAM ROSEN COULD
HAVE RECEIVED A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER FROM ALGER HISS AS HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE
RECEIVED A NINETEEN TWENTY-NINE FORD AUTO FROM HISS IN NINETEEN THIRTY-SIX.
ROSEN AT THAT TIME WAS REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN CP ORGANIZING WORK AND ALGER HISS,
ACCORDING TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, DESIRED TO HAVE FORD AUTO AVAILABLE TO SOMEONE
ENGAGED IN CP WORK. ROSEN WAS SUBORNED BEFORE HOUSE AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY
CP ATTORNEY FROM BALTIMORE WHEN HE ANSWERED SUBORNA. ROSEN REFUSED TO ANSWER
ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO FORD AND ALGER HISS. **RECORDED** **11-1333-630**
FORD FROM HISS IT IS POSSIBLE HE MAY HAVE RECEIVED WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER.

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The Attorney General

January 4, 1949

John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases, et al
PERJURY; ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated December 20, 1948, concerning Franklin Victor Reno. In referenced memorandum you were advised of the pertinent information concerning Reno with the exception of interviews then pending with Edward J. McShane and John L. Kelley, with whom Reno was collaborating in writing a book.

John Leroy Kelley, an Associate Professor of Mathematics at the University of California, when interviewed on December 21 and 22, 1948, stated that he met Reno in August, 1942, and associated with him closely until the Fall of 1945. He denied any knowledge of Reno having furnished classified information to Whittaker Chambers or to any other unauthorized persons. He stated that he presently has in his possession several pamphlets which he identified as Ballistics Research Laboratory Reports published by the Aberdeen Proving Grounds, which are classified in nature. He claims that he has authority by virtue of his position as a Consultant for the Aberdeen Proving Grounds to retain possession of classified information.

Professor Edward J. McShane of the University of Virginia on December 17, 1948, advised that he has never received any restricted or classified documents from Reno but has received numerous restricted documents direct from the Commanding Officer at the laboratory of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He stated that he is entitled to such documents as a Consultant for the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. He advised that the book on which he is collaborating with Reno is on mathematical computations and theory as related to ballistics, and that the book has been submitted to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds for censoring.

Copies of the investigative reports of Special Agent David E. Todd, San Francisco, California, dated December 24, 1948, and Special Agent Leonard M. Walters, Richmond, Virginia, dated December 22, 1948, which copies cover the interviews with McShane and Kelley, were furnished to Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell by letter dated December 30, 1948.

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cc - Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

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TO INTERVIEW PROFESSOR ERNEST M. BOGART.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS ET AL, PERJURY, IS R. RE NY TEL
TWELVE TWENTY THREE LAST, NEW YORK REQUESTED INTERVIEW OF DOROTHY DETZI
AT LELAND, MICHIGAN. DETZI IS FRIEND OF HEDE MASSING AND BELIEVED TO KNOW
POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF ALGER HISS. BUREAU AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERVIEW
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JAY D. MATTHEWS, aka. ET AL.
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Re New York tel December 23, last, concerning the interview of Dorothy Detzi, whose correct name is Dorothy Detzer. You are instructed to interview Dorothy Detzer, in line with the information contained in reference teletype and airtel results to the Bureau and the New York Division.

For your additional information in connection with instant interview, to be set out the following information appearing in the Bureau's files concerning Dorothy Detzer.

She was, as indicated in referenced teletype, for a number of years the Executive Secretary of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. (100-74098)

Investigation conducted in Washington, D. C. has disclosed Dorothy Detzer to have been a member or sponsor of the following organizations:

American Committee for Struggle Against War - This organization was cited as a Communist Party front by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities in a report dated March 29, 1944.

Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy - This organization was cited by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist Party front in a report dated April 21, 1943.

Washington Committee for Democratic Action
American League Against War and Fascism
American Committee for the Protection of Foreign-Born

These latter three organizations were cited by the Attorney General as within the purview of Executive Order 9835. (100-74098-10)

CGO-15 is Harry Jung, active, not paid. Head of American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, which he organ. CGO-15 has advised that Dorothy Detzer is an internationally known pacifist who has belonged to a number of organizations which are recognized as Communist fronts. However, this informant believes that she was affiliated with these organizations due to her pacifist nature and he does not believe her to be a Communist.

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Page 2176 of the Hearings of the House Un-American Activities Committee it was indicated that J. B. Matthews, Educator and Journalist, testified on November 7, 1936 that the Women's International League for Peace and Democracy (Freedom) withdrew from the American League for Peace and Democracy on October 17,

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1938. Matthews stated that there was a mass meeting of the American League at St. Nichols Arena, New York City (toward the end of January, 1934) and he and Miss Detzer were both sponsors. Matthews also stated that Harold Hickerson, a Communist Party member, followed her (apparently as a speaker) and bitterly denounced Miss Detzer for her speech. Matthews indicated that it was not an uncommon thing for the Communist members of the United Front to attack the non-Communist members. Matthews continued stating that Miss Detzer then wrote to him as follows: "I am through with this group. I do not really belong in it. The only two times I have spoken before the League, the Communists have followed and have had the final say." 100-74098-10, page 5)

By report dated February 2, 1944 at Washington, D. C. of Special Agent Robert P. Cooper, the investigation concerning Dorothy Detzer was closed inasmuch as "a check of the confidential sources of information and the confidential informants of this Division has failed to indicate that the subject is affiliated with the Communist Party." (100-74098-15)

The Security Index Card on Dorothy Detzer was cancelled in September, 1945. (100-74098-17)

Throughout the interview with Dorothy Detzer it should be borne in mind that although the information available fails to tie her directly in with the Communist Party, she has been a member and sponsor of many groups which turn out to be Communist Party front organizations and during this time became associated with a number of people who were either members of the Communist Party or were inclined that way. Therefore, care and discretion should be used throughout instant interview.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, PERJURY, ISR. REBU TELEPHONE CALL TO NY ON DEC TWENTYTWO FORTYEIGHT. HEDE MASSING ADVISED TODAY THAT THE PERSON REFERRED TO AS THE ONE WHO WROTE THE LETTER HEDE MASSING WHICH SHE READ TO GASTON OF THE HUAC IS DOROTHY DETZI WHO PRESENTLY RESIDES IN LELAND, MICHIGAN. ACCORDING TO HEDE MASSING DOROTHY DETZI SPENT TWENTYFIVE YEARS IN WASH UP TO ABOUT FORTY SIX AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE WOMEN-S LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM A PACIFIST NON COMMUNIST ORGANIZATION. SHE LOBBIED FOR ORGANIZATION. SHE KNEW MANY PEOPLE IN WASH PARTICULARLY IN THE STATE DEPT. SHE KNEW ALGER HISS AND NOEL FIELD. DOROTHY DETZI WAS NEVER A COMMUNIST. SHE WAS A SYMPATHIZER FOR A SHORT TIME IN MIDDLE THIRIES. TODAY SHE IS FIERCELY ANTI COMMUNIST SHE IS A QUAKER. COMES FROM A FINE FAMILY. HAS ONE BROTHER CARL DETZI WHO IS AN EDITOR OF READERS DIGEST AND ANOTHER BROTHER WHO IS A HIGH NAVY OFFICER, PROBABLY A CAPTAIN. ABOUT A YEAR AGO DOROTHY DETZI WROTE A BOOK "APPOINTMENT ON THE HILL." SHE IS NOT WORKING NOW BUT IS LIVING WITH HER MOTHER AND FATHER IN LELAND. DOROTHY DETZI ONCE WORKED WITH ALGER HISS ON THE NYE MUNITIONS COMMITTEE.

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HEDE MASSING FIRST MET DOROTHY DETZI AT RESIDENCE OF NOEL FIELD IN GENEVA SWITZERLAND IN THIRTYSIX. THEY HAVEN~~E~~ BEEN VERY FRIENDLY SINCE THEN. DOROTHY DETZI KNEW THAT HEDE WAS A COMMUNIST BUT DID NOT KNOW SHE WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE. HEDE FEELS THAT DOROTHY DETZI KNOWS THE POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY OF ALGER HISS AND NOEL FIELD, BUT SHE PROBABLY DOES NOT KNOW OF THEIR ESPIONAGE ACTIVITY. HEDE FEELS THAT DOROTHY DETZI WILL BE VERY COOPERATIVE. HEDE MASSING STATED THAT GASTON OF THE HUAC SERVED HER WITH A SUBPOENA LAST FALL AT HER FARM IN QUAKERTOWN, PENN. WHILE HE WAS THERE ~~WHEN~~^{WHICH} WAS MANY HOURS SHE RECEIVED A ~~LETTER~~ LETTER FROM DOROTHY DETZI. HEDE STATED THAT HER BEST RECOLLECTION IS THAT SHE JOKINGLY SAID TO GASTON THAT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT SHE SHOULD RECEIVE A LETTER FROM A FRIEND AT THE VERY TIME THAT HE WAS AT THE FARM AND THE LETTER SHOULD CONTAIN A STATEMENT ABOUT THE CARNEGIE PEACE FOUNDATION WHICH WAS PROBABLY EMBARRASSED BECAUSE OF ALGER HISS. SHE FEELS CERTAIN THAT SHE DID NOT MAKE THE STATEMENT THAT GASTON ATTRIBUTES TO HER. SHE DOUBTS THAT THE STATEMENT WHICH HE ATTRIBUTES TO HER APPEARED IN THE LETTER FROM DOROTHY DETZI. SHE DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE THE LETTER BUT THINKS SHE MAY BE ABLE TO LOCATE IT. IF DETROIT HAS NO REASON FOR NOT INTERVIEWING DOROTHY DETZI AND IF THE BUREAU APPROVES THE INTERVIEW THEN DETROIT SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW DOROTHY DETZI. THE BUREAU SHOULD ADVISE DETROIT OF ITS APPROVAL.

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Mr. R. Keith Osterheld
352 Noyes Laboratory
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Osterheld:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 4, 1949, and appreciate the suggestion you offer therein. You may feel assured that your suggestion will be given appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, with aliases
ALGER HISS
PERJURY
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In connection with instant case, Max Bedacht was interviewed on January 4, 1949 at his farm, the Old Chantz Farm, R.F.D. 1, Frenchtown, New Jersey. Max Bedacht is the former General Secretary of the International Workers Order, who was recently expelled from the New Jersey Communist Party Convention for expressing a lack of confidence in the present Party leadership.

Bedacht stated that he recalled Whittaker Chambers as a former employee of New Masses. He recalled meeting Chambers in the early 1930's at some sort of Communist Party function or meeting, the nature of which he was unable to recall. At that time Bedacht was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party and in 1933 he was elected National Secretary of the International Workers Order. During the spring of 1933 Bedacht stated that he went to Russia to attend a Comintern conference to discuss the problems of the movement. In 1937 he went to Spain as a delegate to the International Brigade, taking with him materials and gifts for the Brigade.

Bedacht stated that he read the testimony of Chambers in the newspapers but that he had no dealings or contacts as Chambers described. He denied meeting Chambers regularly at any time and denied contacts with anyone who was connected with the underground acting as a Soviet agent, although he stated that he realized that all countries have intelligence agents.

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Bedacht stated that the Communist Party never had anything to do with the underground movement as described by Chambers or he would have known of such activities through his position in the Communist Party. He stated that he had been a Marxist since he was twenty years old and he wants to be a member of the Communist Party but has been expelled. Bedacht denied knowledge of Alger Hiss and other members of the apparatus as described by Chambers, except J. Peters and Harold Ware. He stated that he knew Peters in the early 1930's as the Organizational Secretary in Communist Party Headquarters. He further stated that he had met Peters at conferences and other functions, but has never been close to him.

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Bedacht stated he met Harold Ware through Ware's mother on a farm near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. During the 1920's he discussed farming with Ware as Ware had worked at a collective farm in Russia. Bedacht stated that Ware was a Communist Party member but did not occupy an official position except for a short time in the 1920's when he was on a commission to study agriculture. He stated that he has not seen Harold Ware since the early 1930's.

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During the interview, Bedacht responded to questions and insisted that he was trying to cooperate. However, his attitude appeared to be such that his responses to questions would not damage the Communist Party, the International Workers Order, or any of the members.

A subpoena was served on Max Bedacht on January 4, 1949 for appearance before the Federal Grand Jury at 10:00 A. M., January 5, 1949.

The above is for your additional information in connection with this case.

cc: Assistant Attorney General Alexander M. Campbell
Criminal Division

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URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ALGER HISS, ET AL. PERJURY, ESP-R. MAX BEDACHT WAS INTERVIEWED TODAY AT HIS FARM, THE OLD CHANTZ FARM, RFD ONE, FRENCHTOWN, NJ. HE STATED HE RECALLED CHAMBERS AS A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF NEW MASSES. HE RECALLED MEETING CHAMBERS IN EARLY THIRTIES AT SOME SORT OF CP FUNCTION OR MEETING, THE NATURE OF WHICH HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL. AT THAT TIME, HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE CP AND IN NINETEEN THIRTY THREE, HE WAS ELECTED NATIONAL SEC.. OF THE IWO. DURING THE SPRING OF THIRTY THREE, HE WENT TO RUSSIA TO ATTEND A COMINTERN CONFERENCE TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEMS OF THE MOVEMENT. IN THIRTY SEVEN, HE WENT TO SPAIN AS A DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADE AND BROUGHT OVER MATERIALS AND GIFTS FOR THE BRIGADE. - HE STATED HE READ THE TESTIMONY OF CHAMBERS IN THE NEWSPAPERS BUT HE HAD NO DEALINGS OR CONTACTS AS CHAMBERS DESCRIBED.

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HE DENIED MEETING CHAMBERS REGULARLY AT ANY TIME AND DENIED CONTACTS WITH ANYONE WHO WAS CONNECTED WITH THE UNDERGROUND ACTING AS A SOVIET AGENT ALTHOUGH HE REALIZED THAT ALL COUNTRIES HAVE INTELLIGENCE AGENTS. HE STATED THE CP NEVER HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE UNDERGROUND MOVEMENT AS DESCRIBED BY CHAMBERS OR HE WOULD HAVE KNOWN OF SUCH ACTIVITIES THROUGH HIS POSITION IN THE CP. HE SAID HE HAS BEEN A MARXIST SINCE HE WAS TWENTY YEARS OLD AND HE WANTS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE CP BUT HE WAS EXPELLED. HE DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF ALGER HISS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE APPARATUS AS DESCRIBED BY CHAMBERS EXCEPT J. ~~PETERS~~ AND ~~HAROLD WARE~~. HE KNEW PETERS IN THE EARLY THIRTIES AS THE ORGANIZATIONAL SEC. IN CP HDQTRS. AND HE MET HIM AT CONFERENCES AND FUNCTIONS ALTHOUGH HE HAS NEVER BEEN CLOSE TO PETERS..

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HE MET HAROLD WARE THROUGH WARE'S MOTHER ON A FARM NEAR PHILA, PA. AND DURING THE TWENTIES, HE DISCUSSED FARMING WITH WARE IN THAT WARE HAD WORKED AT A COLLECTIVE FARM IN RUSSIA. HE STATED WARE WAS A CP MEMBER BUT HE DID NOT OCCUPY AN OFFICIAL POSITION EXCEPT FOR A SHORT TIME IN THE TWENTIES WHEN HE WAS ON A COMMISSION TO STUDY AGRICULTURE. HE STATED HE HAS NOT SEEN WARE SINCE THE EARLY THIRTIES. BEDACHT RESPONDED TO QUESTIONS AND INSISTED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO COOPERATE BUT HIS ATTITUDE WAS SUCH THAT HIS RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS WOULD NOT DAMAGE THE CP, IGO, OR ANY OF ITS MEMBERS. UPON BUREAU AUTHORITY, A SUBPOENA WAS SERVED ON BEDACHT THIS DATE BY AGENTS THIS OFFICE FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE FGJ AT TEN AM.

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cc Mr. Tamm

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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Since the first appearance of the news accounts concerning the "pumpkin papers" and microfilm copies of State Department documents one fact has disturbed me which I have not seen considered, at least not considered in the newspaper reports. At the risk of appearing as some sort of "crackpot" I feel I should pass it along.

The newspaper accounts frequently state that only four people had access to those documents. This may be true enough if they were stolen in 1938 as claimed. I wonder, though, if this last has been established. If the theft took place more recently, not only would more people have had the opportunity, but the papers would probably have been more accessible. It is possible to think of a couple of reasons why they might have been taken recently.

It seems quite possible to me that the date of the making of the microfilm copies could be roughly fixed since improvements have undoubtedly been made in the film and film base since 1938.

I hope this letter will not be taken as an insult to the abilities of your Bureau, as it is not intended as one. The fact that no consideration of the possibility stated above has been reported causes me to write this.

Yours truly,

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R. CHAMBERS ON MAY THIRTIETH, FORTYTWO ADVISED NEW YORK OFFICE THAT DONALD HISS OF LABOR DEPARTMENT WAS MEMBER OF UNDERGROUND APPARATUS HEADED BY HAROLD WARE AND THAT QUOTE THE PARTY UNQUOTE PLANNED TO HAVE HIM HANDLE THE HARRY BRIDGES CASH IN CALIFORNIA IN VIEW OF THE INFLUENCE WHICH HE MIGHT HAVE. HISS SUBSEQUENTLY JOINED THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S PHILIPPINE DIVISION. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ADOLF A. BERLE IN FORTYTWO INDICATED THAT CHAMBERS HAD DESCRIBED DONALD HISS AS OF MEMBER TO BERLE IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. ON DECEMBER SEVENTH FORTYTWO CHAMBERS IN SIGNED STATEMENT TO NEW YORK OFFICE SAID HE RECALLED THAT WHEN ALGER HISS MET BYKOV IN BROOKLYN IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN BYKOV URGED HISS TO BEGIN FURNISHING INFORMATION TO CHAMBERS AND TO ATTEMPT TO ACTIVATE HIS BROTHER DONALD FOR SAME PURPOSE. CHAMBERS DESCRIBED DONALD HISS AS INACTIVE MEMBER OF WASHINGTON UNDERGROUND. IN ALGER HISS LIBEL ACTION DEPOSITION IN BALTIMORE ON NOVEMBER SEVENTEENTH, FORTYTWO, CHAMBERS ALSO MENTIONED BYKOV'S REQUESTS FOR DONALD'S SERVICES, ADDING THAT ALGER HISS AT THE TIME SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HIS BROTHER WAS SUFFICIENTLY DEVELOPED FOR SUCH FUNCTION. CHAMBERS ADDED THAT DONALD HISS NEVER PROCURED DOCUMENTS AT ANY TIME.

HE SAID HE HAD MET DONALD THROUGH HAROLD WARE OR J. PETER. THAT DONALD HISS ATTENDED THREE OR FOUR MEETINGS OF WASHINGTON UNDERGROUND APPARATUS AND THEN ENDED CONTACT WITH THEM. EX 98

ALGER'S HOME. NEW YORK WILL OBTAIN SAAG T. J. CONTOGAN'S OPINION AS TO

ADVISABILITY OF INTERVIEWING DONALD HISS AND ADVISE BUREAU AND NEW YORK OFFICE WILL INTERVIEW DONALD HISS IF SO DIRECTED.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., etal;
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Reference is made to Bureau letter of December 13, 1948, to the Washington Field Office. In line with the instructions contained in referenced letter, all offices receiving a copy of that letter are being furnished with the following information.

On December 15, 1948, the Federal Grand Jury in New York City returned an indictment against Alger Hiss, the pertinent portions of which are set forth below:

"The United States District Court of the
Southern District of New York

United States of America - Plaintiff
Versus Alger Hiss - Defendant

Title 18, Section 1621, United States Code

".....4. That at the time and place aforesaid, the Defendant, Alger Hiss, duly appearing as a witness before the said Grand Jurors, and then and there being under oath as aforesaid, and having been duly advised of the nature of the investigation then and there being conducted, testified falsely before said Grand Jurors with respect to the aforesaid material made as follows:

"Q. Mr. Hiss, you have probably been asked this question before but I would like to ask the question again. At any time did you, or Mrs. Hiss in your presence, turn any documents of the State Department or of any other Government organization, or copies of any documents of the State Department or any other Government organization, over to Whittaker Chambers?

"A. Never. Excepting, I assume, the title certificate to the Ford.

"Q. In order to clarify it, would that be the only exception?

"A. The only exception.

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"Juror: To nobody else did you turn over any documents, to any other person?

"The witness: And to no other unauthorized person.
I certainly could have to other officials.

"That the aforesaid testimony of the Defendant, as he then and there well knew and believed, was untrue in that the Defendant, being then and there employed in the Department of State, in or about the months of February and March, 1936, furnished, delivered and transmitted to one Jay David Whittaker Chambers, who was not then and there a person authorized to receive the same, copies of numerous secret, confidential and restricted documents, writings, notes and other papers, the originals of which had theretofore been removed and abstracted from the possession and custody of the Department of State, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1621.

"Count 2

"1. The Grand Jury realleges all of the allegations of paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the first count of this indictment.

"2. That at the time and place aforesaid the Defendant, Alger Hiss, duly appearing as a witness before said Grand Jurors, and then and there being under oath as aforesaid, and having been duly advised of the nature of the investigation then and there being conducted, testified falsely before said Grand Jurors with respect to the aforesaid material made as follows:

"Q. Now, Mr. Hiss, Mr. Chambers says that he obtained typewritten copies of official State documents from you.

"A. I know he has.

"Q. Did you ever see Mr. Chambers after you entered into the State Department?

"A. I do not believe I did. I cannot swear that I did not see him some time, say, in the fall of 1936. And I entered the State Department September 1, 1936.

"Q. Now, you say possibly in the fall of 1936.

"A. That would be possible.

"Q. Can you say definitely with reference to the winter of 1936; I mean, say, December, 1936?

"A. Yes, I think I can say definitely I did not see him.

"Q. Can you say definitely that you did not see him after January 1, 1937?

"A. Yes, I think I can definitely say that.

"Mr. Whearty: Understanding, of course, exclusive of House hearings and exclusive of the Grand Jury.

"The Witness: Oh, yes.

"That the aforesaid testimony of the Defendant, as he then and there knew and believed, was untrue in that the Defendant did in fact see and converse with the said Mr. Chambers in or about the months of February and March, 1933, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1621."

There are set forth below investigative leads in this case which are to be covered immediately. It should be prominently borne in mind during the conduct of the investigation requested herein that during the course of all interviews questioning should also be directed to corroborating the charges contained in the two counts of the indictment set forth above.

With further reference to Bureau letter dated December 13, 1948, you should be certain that all persons interviewed or remaining to be interviewed who were associated with Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers, Henry Julian Adleigh, William Ward Pigman, George Pigman, Franklin Victor Reno and Philip Reno must be questioned for information to support the indictment. In this same regard the personnel files, administrative files and Civil Service files of each of the above seven persons should be carefully examined for any information indicating their association or acquaintance with other persons in this case. In addition to corroborating the two counts of the indictment set forth above, you should bear in mind the additional purpose of the instant investigation which is to develop evidence of all ramifications of the activities of various persons in this case for possible subsequent prosecution.

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In connection with the interviews requested herein, the aliases of all persons should be kept in mind. The following individuals have been mentioned by Chambers in his recent interviews or have come up during recent investigation:

Jay David Whittaker Chambers, with aliases: Vivian Chambers,
George Croley, Carl Carlson, Lloyd Cantwell, John Kelley,
"Carl", "Karl", "Bob";

Alger Hiss;

Priscilla Hiss, aka Mrs. Alger Hiss, Mrs. Priscilla Hobson, nee Priscilla Fansler;

Henry Hill Collins, Jr.;

William Ward Pigman;

Henry Julian Madleigh, with alias: Julian Madleigh;

David Vernon Zimmerman, with aliases: David Carpenter,
Harold Wilson;

Abraham George Silverman, with alias: George Silverman;

Franklin Victor Reno, with aliases: "Vince", "Vincent", Lance Clark;

Alexander Stevens, with aliases: Alexander Goldberger, J. Peters, Steve Lapin, Pete Stevens, Steve Miller, Isidore Doorstein;

Eleanor Nelson Soyring, with alias: Eleanor Nelson Porter;

Boris Bykov, with aliases: Colonel Bykov, Borris Bykov, Borris Hertz;

Felix August Inslerman, with alias: "Felix";

Unknown Subject, with alias: "Bernie";

Unknown Subject, with alias: "Keith";

_____ Azemov.

Investigative leads in this case must be handled immediately and leads for other offices should be set out by teletype. Leads which have heretofore been set out by teletype should be handled in the same expeditious manner as those mentioned hereinafter.

NEW YORK OFFICE

The New York Office is instructed to contact Whittaker Chambers and make appropriate arrangements with him in order that he can be escorted by Agents of the Washington Field Office in Washington, D. C., to identify the exact location where David Zimmerman, with aliases, photographed documents for Chambers' parallel. You will recall that Chambers has advised that he had visited the apartment which, to the best of his recollection, was located somewhere in Southeast Washington on a street where street cars operated and which was located at least a mile away from the capitol in a southeast direction. At the same time an effort should be made to have Chambers attempt to identify the location of the apartment used by "Keith" who acted as a photographer in Chambers' apparatus and who maintained an apartment in the northwest section of Washington.

Chambers should be reinterviewed in connection with his previous statement to the effect that he furnished rugs as gifts to Alger Hiss, Abraham George Silverman, and the late Harry Dexter White as set out on page 33 of the report of Special Agent Joseph M. Kelly, New York City, dated 12-23-48. He should be questioned as to whether he received a receipt at the time of the purchase of these rugs, what disposition was made of the receipt, and whether a receipt was obtained from the American Railway Express Company when the rugs were turned over for delivery to Washington.

In this connection, efforts should be made to identify the Armenian rug dealer from whom these rugs were purchased by Chambers.

It is noted that Chambers stated he purchased these rugs at the end of 1936 for Hiss, Silverman and White. However, when Chambers was interviewed on December 3, 1948, he advised that he introduced Hiss to Bykov in the Spring of 1937. It is possible therefore that the rugs were purchased at the end of 1937 rather than 1936. Chambers should be questioned closely along this line for a more specific date.

A lead should then be set out for the Washington Field Office to check the records of the American Railway Express Company.

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Chambers should be interviewed to determine specifically how Philip Reno was involved in this case. Both Chambers and Franklin Reno have generally involved Philip Reno but specific allegations have not been advanced by either of them.

Whittaker Chambers should be questioned in detail regarding his meeting in Philadelphia in June of 1937 with Franklin Victor Reno when "Bernie" (believed to be David Zimmerman) introduced them. Any details which might exist in the identification of "Bernie" should be ascertained. For instance, it should be ascertained whether Reno, Chambers and "Bernie" stayed overnight at a hotel in Philadelphia on the occasion of this meeting.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Edwin O. Johnson dated December 12, 1948, at Denver, Colorado. Chambers should be interviewed regarding the statement made by Franklin Victor Reno contained on page nine of this report to identify the individual whom Chambers was alleged to have met and who was dressed in an Army uniform. The circumstances surrounding this individual's involvement in espionage activity should be determined.

The New York Office is instructed to advise whether Franklin Victor Reno was brought face to face with David Zimmerman, with aliases, and whether he has identified Zimmerman as "Bernie." If not, the New York Office is instructed to secure photographs of Zimmerman during the period of Reno's association with him to show to Reno for positive identification.

The New York Office is instructed to advise whether Whittaker Chambers, William Ward Pigman, and George Pigman were confronted with one another in order that Chambers could have an opportunity of making a positive identification of these persons. You will recall that Chambers advised that "they" were unable to recruit George Pigman into espionage activity. Chambers should be interviewed in detail concerning the efforts made to recruit George Pigman.

Reference is made to New York letter dated May 9, 1941, captioned "Unknown Subject - GPU Agent; [redacted] Informant." This letter indicated that the unidentified GPU Agent known to Lore and subsequently determined to be Whittaker Chambers had contacts with two girls who were private secretaries to Assistant Secretaries of State, and with a girl employed in the Department of Commerce, all of whom furnished confidential Government information to this unidentified GPU Agent. Chambers should be reinterviewed regarding the allegations made by Lore for the purpose of identifying these girls and elaborating upon their alleged activities. (100-25824-2)

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Chambers should be reinterviewed to determine if he and Hiss stayed overnight in a hotel in Brooklyn or New York City in 1937 at the time Chambers introduced Hiss to Colonel Bykov. During the interview you should attempt to secure any information to prove the alleged contact between Hiss and Chambers at this time.

Chambers should be interviewed in an effort to have him recall anything which he might have received from Hiss during their association to prove this association. It is possible that he may have retained some additional memoranda, notes, correspondence or greeting cards to support their association. He should be thoroughly interviewed to ascertain if he can recall any individual who was present at any time during his contacts with Hiss besides Colonel Bykov, Zimmerman and Priscilla Hiss.

Chambers should be thoroughly interviewed concerning his original meeting with Colonel Bykov and all details surrounding his knowledge of this person for the purpose of positively identifying Bykov and possibly locating him at this time. You will recall that Henry Julian Madleigh has advised that in 1939 Chambers informed him that Bykov was wanted by the Russians. This matter should be gone into thoroughly in order to assist Chambers in recalling incidents which may serve to identify Bykov. The attention of your office is directed to your letter dated May 14, 1942, captioned "Whittaker Chambers; Espionage - R." It is noted therein that Chambers stated that undoubtedly one of the Russians studying at the Ford Plant in Detroit in the 1930's was an OGPU Agent. Chambers should be asked if he was possibly referring to Bykov at that time. Chambers should be questioned for the names of other persons connected with the Communist Party underground at that time who may have known Bykov and who have subsequently disaffected.

The New York Office is instructed to secure from Chambers a photograph of himself taken about 1936 - 1938. These photographs should be furnished to the Bureau and other interested offices for their assistance in interviewing persons associated with Hiss and other persons in this case.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated January 22, 1942, captioned "Whittaker Chambers, with aliases; Espionage - R." You will note from a review of this letter that Will Allen in October, 1941, obtained information from an unidentified individual subsequently believed to be Whittaker Chambers that Hyman Kalodny, Helen Kalodny and Sophie Menken were prominent in the OGPU Service. (100-25824)

It is noted from a review of the Bureau files that these individuals are known to the New York Office and that Sophie Menken and Helen Kalodny

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Goldfrank are both subjects of closed "Security Matter - C" cases in that office. You are instructed to interview Chambers to determine whether these individuals were active in connection with the captioned case and whether they are in a position to furnish any information concerning the activities of his apparatus. Following this interview, you should recommend whether these individuals should be interviewed.

The New York Office is instructed to reinterview Hedi Massing to determine if she can recall the names of any other persons who were present at the dinner party at Noel Field's residence, believed to be in the winter of 1935 or 1936, when she met and conversed with Alger Hiss. If Massing can recall the names of any other persons besides Field and Chambers, they should be interviewed to establish the fact that Hiss was present at this dinner. Paul Massing should also be interviewed concerning his knowledge of Hiss, Chambers and the Chambers' apparatus.

The New York Office is instructed to interview Harold Glasser and Charles Kramer, both of whom are subjects in the Gregory Case. You will recall that in November, 1945, Elizabeth Terrell Bentley informed the Bureau that Harold Glasser of the Treasury Department dropped out of a Communist Party underground group engaged in espionage activity for the Soviets in Washington, D. C. She stated that Victor Perlo, another employee of the United States Treasury Department, who was a nominal head of this espionage group, informed her that Glasser had left the group to enter another group headed by an American in a Government agency in Washington. She said that Perlo did not know the identity of this person but Charles Kramer was the only person who had this information. Bentley stated she talked to Charles Kramer in New York City and Kramer stated the person who took Glasser away from Perlo was named Hiss and that he was employed in the Department of State. The interviews with Glasser and Kramer should be conducted to determine what they know about the activity of Alger Hiss in Soviet espionage.

Reference is made to the letter from the New York Office with copies to the Washington Field Office dated June 26, 1945, captioned "Whittaker Chambers; Internal Security - R." The New York Office is instructed to interview Max Bedacht, formerly a prominent member of the Communist Party. In this connection, your attention is directed to page two of the referenced letter wherein it was stated that Bedacht arranged for Chambers to meet and to be assigned to underground Communist Party activity under Alexander Stevens, with alias: J. Peters. Bedacht should be thoroughly interviewed regarding all ramifications of this underground movement and to determine the identity of "Arthur", named in referenced New York letter. (100-25824-36)

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated October 11, 1948, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Miami Office dated September 10, 1948, captioned "Whittaker Chambers; Security Matter - C." In line with previous authority for an agent of the New York Office to proceed to Florida to interview Nicholas Dozenberg, you are instructed to have that agent and an agent of the Miami Office interview Confidential Informant Paul Michael Crouch for any information he can furnish in regard to the activities of Alger Hiss or other persons involved in this case.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent Harland F. Danner dated May 28, 1945, at New York City captioned "Borris Bykov, with aliases; Internal Security - R." It is noted that Chambers was previously interviewed regarding his knowledge of Colonel Bykov and at that time stated his recollection concerning Bykov was vague. It is also noted a photograph of Willy Brandes, with aliases, was shown to Chambers at that time, which he failed to identify as Bykov. On the assumption that Chambers may not have desired to identify Brandes as Bykov at that time which would have brought to light the present matter, the New York Office is again instructed to show Chambers the photograph of Brandes for the purpose of identifying Brandes as Bykov.

The New York Office is also instructed to show the photograph of Brandes to Mrs. Walter Krivitsky to determine if she can identify him as Colonel Bykov.

Reference is made to Bureau teletype to New York dated December 16, 1948, in the captioned matter. The New York Office is instructed to show to Whittaker Chambers and Mrs. Krivitsky the photographs of all male employees of Amtorg, the New York Consulate, and Tass News Agency for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938, for the purpose of possibly identifying Colonel Bykov. The Washington Field Office is being instructed to furnish the New York Office photographs of all male employees of the Soviet Embassy for the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 to handle this phase of the investigation.

The New York Office is instructed to interview Alexander Stevens, with alias: J. Peters, in detail concerning the captioned case. It is doubtful that he will be cooperative. However, his refusal to be interviewed will be made a matter of record.

WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

In connection with the lead set forth above for the New York Office to arrange to have Whittaker Chambers brought to Washington, D. C.,

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to locate the apartments used by David Zimmerman, with aliases, and the unknown photographer "Keith", the Washington Field Office is instructed to immediately conduct the following investigation: Determine from the Capital Transit Company at Washington, D. C., the location of streets on which street cars were operated in the southeast section of Washington during the period 1936-1938. In this connection, it is believed that street cars have been discontinued in some areas of this section. In the event Chambers is able to identify either of these locations, a thorough investigation should be conducted to identify the occupants of these premises during the pertinent period.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to secure and furnish to the New York Office photographs of all male employees of the Soviet Embassy during the years 1936, 1937 and 1938 which are to be used for the purpose of identifying Colonel Bykov.

The report of Special Agent Frank G. Johnstone dated December 14, 1948, at Baltimore, on page 4 reflects that Chambers advised that David Zimmerman, alias David Carpenter, utilized an apartment of a friend in Washington, D. C. for photographic work. Chambers stated that the friend was an employee of a store operated by Ludwig Bauman, which was either a furniture store or small department store in Washington, D. C. Chambers, to the best of his recollection, believed that this apartment was located in southeast Washington. The Washington Field Office is instructed to immediately conduct an investigation to locate and interview Ludwig Bauman. The names of his employees during the years 1936-38 should be obtained and a thorough effort should be made to identify the individual described by Chambers.

In the same report on page 3, Whittaker Chambers advised that during 1936 and 1938, David Zimmerman, alias David Carpenter, resided with Eleanor Nelson Porter (later Soyring), at the time that she was engaged in a divorce proceeding from Paul Porter. The Washington Field Office is instructed to locate and interview Paul Porter, former husband of Eleanor Nelson Soyring, to secure any information concerning the espionage activities of his former wife, and particularly for information concerning the espionage activities of Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers, David Zimmerman and other persons named by Chambers as having been engaged in Soviet espionage in this case.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to interview Gardner Jackson (known to the Washington Field Office), who was previously employed with Alger Hiss in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, concerning

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his knowledge of Alger Hiss, Whittaker Chambers, and the association between Hiss and Chambers and whether Jackson can furnish information that Alger Hiss furnished Government information to Whittaker Chambers. Any additional information which Jackson can furnish concerning Chambers' apparatus or the espionage activities of any persons concerned in this case should be obtained.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to conduct a thorough neighborhood investigation at the addresses where Alger Hiss resided from 1933 to date to determine whether these persons have any information indicating that Hiss was associated at any time with Whittaker Chambers regardless of the name Chambers may have been using. It should also be determined whether these persons can furnish information corroborating Chambers' allegations concerning Hiss and other persons in this case. For the assistance of the Washington Field Office in conducting this investigation, there are attached hereto two photographs of Whittaker Chambers reportedly taken in 1931 and one photograph taken in 1934.

In connection with Bureau letter to the Washington Field Office dated December 13, 1948 attention is directed to the report of Special Agent M. C. Clements dated February 18, 1942, at Washington, D. C., captioned "Alger Hiss; Internal Security - Hatch Act." The following persons should be reinterviewed in line with the instructions in referenced letter: Raymond E. Murphy, Mrs. Lorenzo Winslow, 3411 Volta Place, N.W.; Mrs. M. A. Luck, 3410 Volta Place, N.W.; Mrs. Lenora Fuller, 2800 Woodley Road (Mrs. Fuller should be questioned for the names of additional persons to be interviewed); Chester C. Davis; Jerome Frank and Frank Shea.

The employment records of both Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers should be thoroughly reviewed to show any contact between them. In this regard the personnel and administrative files of all agencies employing Hiss and Chambers should be reviewed, including the files of the Civil Service Commission. Such associations may be shown by addresses, correspondence, references and requests for leave, particularly on the date that Chambers introduced Hiss to Bykov.

The telephone toll calls of Alger Hiss from 1936 to date should be examined to determine if any contacts appeared between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers or any other person involved in the captioned case.

A review should be made of your files to determine the existence of Communist Party informants either presently active or discontinued who were active in the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., during the years 1933-40. These informants should be thoroughly interrogated for information concerning their knowledge of each person involved in the captioned case, their knowledge of the activity of any of these persons in furnishing Government information to unauthorized sources, whether they knew of the existence of Whittaker Chambers' or Eleanor Nelson Soyering's apparatus, and all information known to these informants regarding the association between Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss and whether Alger Hiss is known to have furnished Government information to Whittaker Chambers.

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The Washington Field Office is instructed to obtain photographs of Alger Hiss from Government files in Washington, D. C., taken on or about 1936-37, to assist in the interviews of persons in connection with this case.

On December 9, 1948, former Special Agent Robert L. King furnished information to the Bureau that John Sutro, former Lieutenant in the Office of Naval Intelligence and presently a practicing attorney in San Francisco, was acquainted with Alger Hiss and attended Harvard Law School with him. King stated that from his conversations with Sutro, he secured the names of Richard Field of Harvard Law School, and J. P. Tumulty, Jr., an attorney in Washington, D. C., who, according to Sutro, were at one time close friends of Alger Hiss. King advised that he had been furnished with the names of Field and Tumulty by Congressman Richard Nixon, House Committee on Un-American Activities, as individuals who could be regarded as possibly having in their possession typewritten letters from Hiss which might be used for comparison purposes. The Washington Field Office is instructed to furnish sufficient information to the San Francisco and Boston Offices in connection with this case in order that John Sutro and Richard Field may be intelligently interviewed for any information which they can furnish regarding Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers and their involvement in Soviet espionage. The Washington Field Office is instructed to interview J. P. Tumulty, Jr. in this connection.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to reinterview Henry Julian Wadleigh and determine from him in detail the circumstances and events surrounding his introduction to Colonel Bykov by Chambers. The purpose of this interview is to endeavor to obtain information which can be used to corroborate the statements made by Wadleigh and Chambers, and for the purpose of identifying Bykov. Wadleigh should also be reinterviewed concerning the details of his introduction to David Zimmerman (Harold Wilson) by Eleanor Nelson (Soyring). You should determine whether other persons were witnesses to this introduction, the time and place, and any information leading to the identity of persons who might have known of Zimmerman's activities in Chambers' apparatus or who can associate Zimmerman with Wadleigh, Chambers, or Nelson during this period.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to reinterview Henry Julian Wadleigh and determine the names of all persons known to him who may have been aware of his espionage activities in connection with this case. This should include reference to friends, fellow employees, Communist Party associates, etc. To date Wadleigh has advised that his activities in this case were known to Eleanor Nelson Soyering, Frank Wilson (David Zimmerman) Whittaker Chambers and Colonel Bykov. The possibility exists that he may have discussed his activities with his former wife, other members of Eleanor Nelson Soyering's reported apparatus, and other persons.

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The Washington Field Office will endeavor to locate and interview Sidney Schwartz and Ray Harris, members of the Communist Party in 1933 who supervised the Communist Party activities of Franklin Victor Ross, was, at that time. These persons should be interviewed to determine their knowledge of the activities of Franklin Victor Ross, his brother Philip, and other subjects in this case; their knowledge of whether any of these persons were engaged in furnishing Government information to unauthorized persons; whether they know of the existence of Whittaker Chambers' apartment; and all information known to these persons regarding the association between Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss and whether Hiss furnished Government information to Whittaker Chambers.

In connection with the statement previously made by Philip Ross, that he accepted telephone messages for his brother, Franklin Victor Ross, the Washington Field Office is instructed to secure a record of toll calls made from the telephone of Philip Ross in Washington, D. C. during the years 1935-40, to determine Ross's contacts during this period and whether the names of persons contacted were involved in this case.

The Washington Field Office is instructed to ascertain the present location of Miriam Kathleen Dougherty, the first wife of Henry Redliff, so that she can be interviewed concerning her knowledge of the activities of any of the persons named by Whittaker Chambers as engaged in espionage activities. She should be specifically questioned concerning her knowledge of any association between Alger Hiss and Whittaker Chambers and what she knew concerning these individuals.

As pointed out previously in this letter, all fellow employees of Hiss who have been interviewed or who are to be interviewed in connection with referenced letter dated December 13, 1946, must be questioned as to their knowledge of any association between Chambers and Hiss, and whether they have any knowledge that Hiss or his wife furnished Government information to Chambers.

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BALTIMORE OFFICE

The Baltimore Office is instructed to expedite their investigation to identify "Bernie" named by Franklin Victor Reno as the individual who first introduced him to Whittaker Chambers.

The reference report of Special Agent Frank G. Johnstone dated December 14, 1948, at Baltimore, Maryland contains a lead for the Baltimore Office to determine from the records of the Social Security Board the employment of David Vernon Zimmerman, alias David Carpenter, in the years 1934-38. The employment records of any firms employing him during that period should be checked for references and any connection of Zimmerman with any of the subjects in this case.

The Baltimore Office is instructed to obtain, if possible, a photograph of Jesse Zimmerman taken in 1936-38 to be shown to Chambers, Madleigh and Franklin Victor Reno in an effort to determine whether he was engaged in the captioned case.

The report of Special Agent Frank G. Johnstone dated December 24, 1948, at Baltimore, Maryland, reflects that David Carpenter, subsequently identified as David Zimmerman, had a brother in Baltimore who was a minor official in a CIO union. On page 10 of referenced report Samuel Pelovitz advised that Jesse Zimmerman's employment in the 1930's was vague to him. Page 20 of the referenced report reflects no employment for Jesse Zimmerman from 1934 to 1938. On the same page it is noted that Jesse Zimmerman was employed at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The Baltimore office is instructed to thoroughly interview Jesse Zimmerman re David Zimmerman and his use of the alias Carpenter and any other aliases, his knowledge of Zimmerman's involvement in espionage activities with Whittaker Chambers, and other persons named by Chambers as being involved in this case.

The Baltimore Office will conduct the following investigation at Aberdeen Proving Grounds. You will recall that Whittaker Chambers has advised that Franklin Victor Reno informed him that while he (Reno) was furnishing him with Government information, Reno's supervisor was Colonel Zornig. Colonel Zornig should be located and interviewed concerning his knowledge of Reno's activities and other persons in this case associated with Reno.

The Baltimore Office is instructed to contact the appropriate official at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds and determine whether Franklin Victor Reno had access to the information which Chambers advised Reno furnished him. In addition, the Baltimore Office should interview Dr. Louis S. Dedrick, 508 Vallaire Street, Aberdeen, Maryland, for any information concerning Franklin

Victor Reno and his involvement in the captioned case and other persons named by Chambers as being engaged in Soviet espionage.

Reference is made to Baltimore letter to the Bureau dated October 8, 1943, captioned "Gogol, Alger Hiss; Internal Security - R." You are instructed to interview Charles B. Duff, 5504 Wexford Road, Baltimore, Maryland, for any information which he can furnish concerning the activities of Alger Hiss in the captioned case, his knowledge of Whittaker Chambers and any association between these two persons. The method in which your office obtained information that Duff was apparently acquainted with Alger Hiss should, of course, not be furnished to Mr. Duff.

The Baltimore Office is instructed to obtain the toll calls of Whittaker Chambers at Westminster during the years 1936-40, to determine, if possible, any association between Chambers and other members of his apparatus.

A review should be made of your files to determine the existence of Communist Party informants either presently active or discontinued who were active in the Communist Party in Washington, D. C., during the years 1933-40. These informants should be thoroughly interrogated for information concerning their knowledge of each person involved in the captioned case, their knowledge of the activity of any of those persons in furnishing Government information to unauthorized sources, whether they knew of the existence of Whittaker Chambers' or Eleanor Nelson Soyering's apparatus, and all information known to these informants regarding the association between Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss and whether Alger Hiss is known to have furnished Government information to Whittaker Chambers.

DENVER OFFICE

According to information furnished by Whittaker Chambers, Franklin Victor Reno was a member of Eleanor Nelson Soyering's apparatus in the U. S. Government, ostensibly to secure confidential Government information for the Communist Party through her instructions. The Denver Office is instructed to interview Reno to determine whether he furnished confidential Government information to Eleanor Nelson Soyering and to ascertain whether he knew of the existence of her apparatus, as alleged by Chambers, and the identity of any of the persons who were members of this apparatus. Reno should also be questioned to determine if he were aware that William Ward Wigman and George Wigman were members of Eleanor Nelson Soyering's apparatus, as alleged by Chambers, and specifically, what Reno knows about Wigman's

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espionage activities in this case. The New York Office is instructed to furnish the Denver Field Office with the results of their subsequent interview with Whittaker Chambers, in which he furnished details of the above information.

At the time of this interview, Franklin Victor Reno should be questioned to determine the names of all persons other than Whittaker Chambers, "Bernie" and Patty Whelan, who were aware of his espionage activities in this case.

Franklin Victor Reno should be questioned in detail regarding his meeting in Philadelphia in June of 1937 with Whittaker Chambers when "Bernie" allegedly introduced him to Chambers. Any details which might assist in the identification of "Bernie" should be obtained.

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During the course of interviews in this matter it should be borne in mind that the Bureau is endeavoring to secure typewriting specimens from the Woodstock typewriter reportedly in possession of Alger Hiss and family subsequent to 1933. Efforts should be made to obtain additional specimens, particularly any dated subsequent to May 25, 1937.

I want to reiterate that all investigation in this matter should be handled promptly, and any pertinent developments should be furnished to the Bureau by telephone or teletype. The New York Office is the office of origin in this case.

Copies of this letter are being made available to the Philadelphia, Chicago, Milwaukee, Boston, Indianapolis, Albany and El Paso offices for use in the conduct of future investigations in this case.

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To: WALTER WINCHELL

December 20, 1948

Maids now refuse to go to work for Park Avenue matrons unless they have television sets. (You mean some of them haven't?)

To Hoover

From Louella's broadcast Sunday: "That great line from Walter's column: 'Gee Whittaker'!"...

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. D. M. LADD

FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was
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DATE: 12-27-48

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I phoned SAC Cornelius, Albany, this morning at 10:00 o'clock and made inquiry as to the nature of the 36 rolls of microfilm picked up as a result of the search of the residence of Felix Inslerman. He advised me that the film was in small cans, some of it was taped closed, some of it carried expiration dates of 1939, and Inslerman had described some of it as developed and some of it as undeveloped.

I instructed that this film and any documents which appeared to be of restricted or confidential character that had been recovered as a result of the search should be brought to the Bureau by a Special Agent as promptly as possible.

Mr. Cornelius called back and stated that a Special Agent would leave at 12:30 p.m. today by train and would arrive in Washington about 8:00 p.m., bringing in this material. He also advised that it had been ascertained through a contact in General Electric that Inslerman had been cleared for classified work. Inslerman was not working today because he had called in and reported that a member of his family was ill, and he is expected back tomorrow.

I told Mr. Cornelius that the Army authorities in Washington would be advised of the information available on Inslerman. Army authorities have been telephonically advised concerning Inslerman.

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Director, FBI

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
PERJURY
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between this office and the Bureau on December 10, 1948, relative to the testimony of Mr. ROBERT E. STRIPLING of the House Committee on Un-American Activities to the effect that he had called the Bureau upon securing information concerning the documents and films secreted by WHITTAKER CHAMBERS at his farm in Maryland.

Forwarded herewith is a copy of the transcript of the testimony by Mr. STRIPLING before the Federal Grand Jury in New York City on December 9, 1948. This gives in detail the statements made by Mr. STRIPLING.

The Bureau's attention is called to the fact that this transcript was obtained from a confidential source and necessarily must be handled in a highly confidential manner by the Bureau.

Very truly yours,

Edward Scheidt
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SHORTLY THEREAFTER HAD BEEN ASSIGNED AS SECRETARY TO FRANCIS WHITE, THEN CHIEF OF THE
LATIN-AMERICAN DIVISION, AND LATER ASSISTANT SECRETARY. MISS LINCOLN ADVISED THAT
SHORTLY AFTER WHITE HAD BECOME ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MISS ANNABELLE NEWCOMB HAD BEEN
BROUGHT INTO THE OFFICE AS SECRETARY AND THAT SHE, MISS LINCOLN, HAD BEEN MADE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO WHITE. FURTHER, THAT WHEN WHITE WAS NAMED MINISTER TO
CZECHOSLOVAKIA FOR A SHORT PERIOD WHILE A MR. FAYER WAS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, SHE AND
MISS NEWCOMB WERE OUT OF THE OFFICE. HOWEVER, IN NOVEMBER, NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE, WHEN
FRANCIS SAYRE WAS MADE ASSISTANT SECRETARY, LINCOLN AND NEWCOMB WERE AGAIN RETURNED TO
HIS OFFICE AND LINCOLN WAS HIS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, IN WHICH POSITION SHE REMAINED
UNTIL SAYRE WAS NAMED HIGH COMMISSIONER OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS IN NINETEEN THIRTYNINE.
MISS LINCOLN ADVISED HER FIRST KNOWLEDGE OF ALGER HISS CAME ABOUT WHEN HISS CALLED AND
ASKED FOR AN APPOINTMENT TO SEE MR. SAYRE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, HE CAME TO THE OFFICE TO
SEE MR. SAYRE CONCERNING THE POSITION OF SAYRE'S ASSISTANT WHICH WAS TO BE VACATED AND AS
A RESULT OF HIS INTERVIEW, HISS WAS APPOINTED TO THIS POSITION. WHEN QUESTIONED WITH
RECORD TO HISS' ASSOCIATES IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT, MISS LINCOLN STATED SHE COULD NOT

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RECALL ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM HE WAS CLOSELY ASSOCIATED AND THAT HE WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE TRADE AGREEMENTS DIVISION, OVER WHICH MR. SAYRE WAS RESPONSIBLE. WHEN QUESTIONED REGARDING INDIVIDUALS NAMED BY WHITTAKER CHAMBERS AS BEING ASSOCIATED IN THE SPY CONSPIRACY WITH HISS, MISS LINCOLN WAS UNFAMILIAR UNTIL RECENT PUBLICITY CONCERNING CHAMBERS OR ANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS, HOWEVER, SHE RECALLED A MR. WARE WHO WAS WITH THE TARIFF COMMISSION WHO WAS IN RATHER FREQUENT CONTACT WITH ALGER HISS AND ATTENDED MEETINGS IN HISS' OFFICE. IT WAS MISS LINCOLN'S RECOLLECTION THAT WARE WAS WORKING ON TRADE RECIPROCITY. MISS LINCOLN COULD NOT RECALL THAT SHE HAD EVER MET MRS. PRISCILLA HISS. FOLLOWING MR. SAYRE'S APPOINTMENT AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, MISS LINCOLN ADVISED THAT NEWCOMB WENT WITH SAYRE AS HIS SECRETARY AND HAS BEEN HIS SECRETARY CONTINUALLY SINCE THAT TIME WHILE SAYRE HAS BEEN WITH THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT, UNRRA, AND IN HIS PRESENT POSITION WITH UN. WITH REGARDS TO THE EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE QUESTIONED TYPEWRITER, MISS LINCOLN WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER SHE HAD EVER KNOWN OF A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN USED BY HERSELF OR ANYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE DONE WORK FOR ALGER HISS. MISS LINCOLN ADVISED THAT SHE COULD NOT RECALL THAT THERE HAD EVER BEEN A WOODSTOCK TYPEWRITER AND ADVISED THAT TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, ONLY THREE TYPEWRITERS WERE EVER LOCATED IN HISS' SECTION. ONE WAS AN UNDERWOOD WHICH MISS LINCOLN STILL HAS IN HER POSSESSION. ANOTHER WAS AN UNDERWOOD WHICH MISS NEWCOMB USED AND WHICH WAS REPLACED BY AN L. C. SMITH TYPEWRITER AT AN UNKNOWN DATE BUT SOMETIME BETWEEN NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE AND NINETEEN THIRTYNINE. IT WAS MISS LINCOLN'S RECOLLECTION THAT AT THE TIME WHEN MR. SAYRE WAS REPLACED BY HENRY GRADE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, THAT THIS L. C. SMITH TYPEWRITER REMAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY. SHE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO THE DISPOSITION OR LOCATION OF THIS TYPEWRITER. MISS LINCOLN ADVISED

THAT IN HER DUTIES AS ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, SHE HAD LITTLE OCCASION TO USE A TYPEWRITER AND COULD NOT RECALL HAVING DONE WORK OF ANY KIND FOR ALGER HISS AND INDICATED THAT MISS NEWCOMB AS SECRETARY AND STENOGRAPHER WOULD HAVE HAD MORE OCCASION TO DO SUCH WORK IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS. AT THE TIME THAT SAYRE LEFT AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY, MISS LINCOLN WENT TO HER PRESENT POSITION AS A CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER AND IT WAS HER RECOLLECTION THAT ALGER HISS AT THE SAME TIME WAS ASSIGNED TO THE FAR EASTERN DIVISION AS ASSISTANT TO MR. HORNBECK. IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT FRANCIS SAYRE, WHO IS PRESENTLY U. S. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN TRADE COUNCIL, AND MISS NEWCOMB ARE PRESENTLY IN PARIS, FRANCE AND ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN THE LATTER PART OF THIS WEEK OR EARLY NEXT WEEK. MISS LINCOLN ADVISED THAT MISS NEWCOMB, WITH WHOM SHE IS QUITE FRIENDLY BECAUSE OF HER LONG ASSOCIATION AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT, SPENDS THE MAJORITY OF HER TIME IN NYC AND IS IN CONTACT WITH HER WHEN SHE IS IN WASHINGTON. BUREAU ADVICE IS REQUESTED AS TO WHETHER FURTHER EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO LOCATE THE L. O. SMITH TYPEWRITER IN QUESTION AND APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE UPON RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO INTERVIEW ANNABELLE NEWCOMB.

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See Me ☐ ()
Note and Return ☐ ()
For Your Recommendation ☐ ()
What are the facts? ☐ ()
Remarks:

Do I understand - stand correct that Chambers talked to Berle in 1939; we interviewed him first in May 1942 & Berle gave us information first in June 1943. How did we come to contact Chambers in 1942 & did we take any investigative action there? When did we do in the area from May 1942 to June 1943 about the info received from Chambers? 10

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FROM : H. B. FLETCHER

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS
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DATE: 12-14-48

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The typewriter specimens secured from the Landon School which were traced to Alger Hiss and which have been identified with the documents turned over by Chambers have been determined to have been written by Hiss after he was in the State Department. In an effort to positively refute any statement by Hiss that the documents and the typewriting specimens recovered at the Landon School were written on a typewriter in the State Department, efforts have been made to locate other specimens.

At 9:50 a.m. today, I received a telephone call from ASAC Belmont who stated that the attorney for Hiss had turned over a typewritten specimen dated in 1933 which had been recovered from the personal effects of Hiss. The Laboratory handwriting expert who is now in New York to testify before the Grand Jury today has identified this typewritten specimen as being identical with the documents and with the typewritten specimens recovered at the Landon School. Hiss was not an employee of the State Department in 1933 and it now seems impossible for him to deny that the documents and the specimens were written on the typewriter in his custody. This development is very important and to take full advantage of it the following procedure will take place today.

Special Agent Courtland J. Jones of the Washington Field Office will introduce before the Grand Jury the typewritten specimens obtained at the Landon School. The Laboratory handwriting expert will then identify the typewritten specimens with the original documents recovered from Chambers and will also identify the typewritten specimens secured through the cooperation of Hiss' attorney. Then Hiss will be called before the Grand Jury and confronted with this evidence.

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ASAC Belmont stated that he felt that Hiss would break if it were not for his wife and that his present testimony is designed to protect his wife.

Mr. Belmont further stated that Adolf A. Berle, JUN., will testify and it will be recalled that Chambers furnished him information on September 2, 1939. At that time he furnished the name of Hiss as well as others. It is anticipated that Berle will state that he furnished this information to the Bureau, and in fact he did in June 1943, exact date unknown. A careful check of the files has failed to bring up the exact date that Berle furnished this information to the Bureau, but it is known it occurred in June 1943.

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I have advised Mr. Belmont that Mr. Berle furnished these notes of the interview with Chambers in June 1943.

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Reference is made to the attached memorandum from Mr. Fletcher to me dated December 14, 1948. Further reference is made to the last paragraph which advised that Mr. Berle, formerly of the State Department, furnished to the Bureau his notes of the interview with Whittaker Chambers in June, 1943. You penned a notation "What did we do when we got them?"

For your information, the data contained in Mr. Berle's notes was correlated with other information in our files regarding the individuals named therein and it was found that many individuals had already been referred to by Chambers in the original interview had with him by Bureau Agents on May 13, 1942. On others who were mentioned for the first time, the Bureau had considerable information in its files. On still others, the identification or information contained in Mr. Berle's notes were too indefinite to predicate an investigation.

The Bureau was possibly remiss in not interrogating Mr. Berle thoroughly concerning his knowledge and recollection of all names in his notes regarding the interview he had with Chambers.

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS PERJURY, IS - R. RENYTEL DEC TWENTY SEVENTH RE STORY REPORTEDLY PURCHASED BY NY DAILY NEWS CONNECTING ALGER HISS WITH BORIS BYKOV. HEDE MASSING ADVISED SHE KNEW NONE OF HISS- ASSOCIATES AND KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT BORIS BYKOV. SHE ADDED THAT ANY STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO HER TO THE EFFECT THAT SHE KNOWS OF CONNECTION BETWEEN ALGER HISS AND BORIS BYKOV IS INACCURATE. SHE STATED SHE HAD NEVER AUTHORIZED ANYONE TO SELL OR GIVE AWAY ANY INFO FOR HER. SHE ADDED SHE HAS FURNISHED WHAT SHE KNOWS ABOUT HISS TO THE FBI AND FEDERAL GRAND JURY AND HER HUSBAND, DR. PAUL WILHELM MASSING AND NO ONE ELSE. SHE DID NOT FURNISH THIS INFO TO THE HUAC SINCE THEY DID NOT ASK HER. SHE BELIEVES THAT POSSIBLY DOROTHY DETZR, A FRIEND AND JULIAN GUMPERTZ, HEDE-S FORMER HUSBAND, KNOW OF HER ACQUAINTANCE WITH HISS BUT DO NOT KNOW OF HER KNOWLEDGE OF HISS ACTIVITIES. HEDE STATED SHE COULD NOT THINK OF ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT KNOW THAT SHE KNOWS HISS. SHE STATED THAT IF SHE WERE CONTACTED BY ANY NEWSPAPERMEN SHE WOULD FURNISH THEM NO INFO SINCE SHE WAS UNDER SUBPOENA TO THE FEDERAL GRAND JURY. DOROTHY DETZR WAS DESCRIBED IN NYTEL OF DEC TWENTY THIRD.

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